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Under Northern Skies

A Christmas Story for Children, by N. de Bertrand Lugrin.

MARY ADAMS turned down the lamp a little.
Day was dawning. She had swept the cabin
very clean and dusted it thoroughly. The kettle
w th was singing cheerily on top of the heater, and there
t put ere some warm biscuits wrapped in a napkin on the
npe ble that stood near the stove. Mary pursed her little
oulde outh primly and looked about her small domain com-
yes, placently. Even mother could not have done much
ks ha better, she thought to herself. The cabin was as neat
ed wi s wax. But over in the corner stood the particular
back he a ject of Mary's pride and delight, a small and shapely
standing ol tle fir-tree set firmly in a box. She and Davie had
only se lit it yesterday, and tonight, tonight, when mother and
cu her came home, and Davie and the twins were asleep,
fat and mother would trim it with candies and apples
she toys, while father, who would be lame still of
an urse, would sit and watch them, with his eyes full of
co niles. Mary involuntarily burst into a snatch of song,
sr en as the dawn grew brighter, she blew out the light,
th d going to the window gave a little laugh of purest
an stacy. Such glorious Christmas weather, the whole
ec orld white and glistening, and every tree wrapped in
wc garment of soft snow. She ran to the door, opening
a little way and peeping out. As she did so, suddenly
it l clearly there came to her ears the musical jingle of
an s. She banged the door and flew into the bed-room.
bel Davie, Davie," she cried, bending over the round
" ping figure on the bed, "Oh, Davie, wake up.
slee her's coming."
Mo he little rosy cheeked boy sat up quickly.
Th s muvver coming?" he asked, drowsily.
"I es, yes, can't you hear the bells?" Mary was put-
"Y on his felt shoes, her own cheeks were glowing,
ting er eyes like stars.
and h' my daddy too, an' the babies." Davie's voice
"A embling with sudden excitement.
was t Oh, yes, and bundles and parcels and apples
'Oh ndies." Mary hugged him hard. "And you
and c e careful of daddy, because his leg isn't well yet.
must b kely you can sit on his knee."
Most l ' likely I can't sit on his knees," repeated Davie
"No g nevertheless and jumping up and down as
laughin od him on the floor.
Mary st led the quilt over the foot of the bed and
She fo to the other room, stirred up the fire, and
rushing i father's chair near the stove.
pulled her sic of the bells sounded nearer and nearer.
The mu de the home dog Tiger began to bark loudly
Then outs gs that hauled the coming sled sent back
and the do reply. Mary stood stock still and looked
their sharp who was climbing on the seat near the win-
at Davie, w
dow. she whispered. "Davie, that isn't our dog-
"Davie," aps, perhaps it isn't mother!"
team. Perh yes 'tis," answered Davie, thumping on the
"Yes 'tis, now it's my muvver."
glass. "I k Mary went to open the door, her little
But when white and she was swallowing hard. The
cheeks were ped very quietly and someone was knock-
sled had stop
ing softly. u, Mr. Ericson." Mary spoke very
"Oh, it's yo 't you come in?" She opened the door
bravely. "Wo
wide. er time for dat," said the big Swede,
"I ain't got de d beard. He smiled down upon the
through his icicle ed you dis letter," he went on. "You'
little girl. I bring about you." He handed her a bulky
mama's awful sad from his pocket took a small box.
envelope and then nt from me, some candies for you an'
"This is little prese
Davie." id Mary, swallowing again. "Is, is
"Thank you," sa
my father worse?"

"You' daddy's fine, just fine, but he's lame yet," Ericson said kindly. "Neffer mind. Next week I think you' mamma come home."

When he had gone Mary gave the candies to Davie, whose little legs were trembling pitifully as he looked sorrowfully at her, then taking the letter to the window she opened it. Davie had begun to sob a little, but when he saw the candies he ceased immediately. Her mother wrote that the doctor thought her father should not be moved from the hospital yet and she did not like to leave him. They would have their Christmas at New Years, unless, and the unless was underlined, it would be possible for Mary to take Davie on the sled and get to the bridge in time to catch the stage. Then they could all be together and have a Christmas tree at Uncle Peter's, for that was next door to the hospital and they could wheel father in. "But perhaps you had better not try it," mother went on. "It is a long two miles to the bridge, and it may be storming. Be a brave girl as you always are, dear, and put the little horse that you'll find in father's trunk in Davie's stocking. Mr. Ericson could not take any parcels for me. He has a month's groceries, and his sled is more than full. With lots of kisses to you and Davie. Your loving mother."

When Mary finished reading, her face was brighter. She ran to Davie and took the rest of the candies from him.

"You must not make yourself sick," she said, as the little boy began to remonstrate forcibly. "We are going on a long, long journey, Davie. I'm going to drag you on your sled, and I'll run, run, run, all the way."

"Oh will you?" cried Davie, quite delighted. "An' shall I see my muvver?"

"Yes Mally will promise and Mally always keeps her promise, doesn't she?"

"Yes, will you promise, Mally?"

"Yes," Mary nodded vigorously as she hurried about the room making preparations for departure. There was not very much to do. It took longer to dress Davie than anything else. She made the little sled very comfortable. It was really an apple box fastened upon runners. She lined it with an old fur cape of her mother's and she put the biscuits in at the foot, in case Davie should be hungry.

When they were outside and the little boy was tucked in warmly, she looked about her in vain for Tiger. He must have followed Mr. Ericson's train, she thought. He sometimes did. So she locked the door and taking a last look at the house, set off down the trail which was clearly marked now by the runners of Mr. Ericson's sled.

Davie was delighted. He sang, he shouted; he screamed. He slapped his little mittened hands together and told Mary to "Gee" and "Haw" over and over. The little girl ran very fast for the path was level and smooth, and Davie's weight was nothing at all. Once a brown rabbit ran out from the bushes at the side of the trail and scurried across in front of them into the trees at the other side. Davie saw it, and wanted to get out and catch it. Mary laughed at him and raced on. Above the mountains that looked down upon them on every side, shone slanting rays of sunlight. The sun itself had gone, after showing a pale golden disk for an hour or two. Very soon, Mary knew, the short daylight would be waning. There was a hill before her now. Beyond the hill, half a mile, was the bridge. The stage passed them at 2 o'clock. It was 1 o'clock when she left the cabin. By this time the little girl was breathless with running, and, in spite of Davie's cries of "hully up, hully up," she could do no more than walk. The hill seemed very steep, steeper than she had ever thought it before. After a long time she reached the top and could see, down below her, the frozen Klondike river, and the narrow white bridge across which the road ran. Even while she watched she heard the distant blast of a horn, and turning her head, she caught a glimpse of the stage, a long way off yet, but coming swiftly along the road towards the river.

"Hold tight, Davie," she called, and started down the hill with the speed of a deer. It was beginning to snow a little. She winked her eyes as she ran, while she watched intently the turn of the road above the bridge, down which the stage must soon come. At last the bridge was reached, and, smiling wearily, Mary sat down upon the edge of Davie's sled and waited. She could hear the horn every now and then. The stage would be along very soon. She began to talk to Davie, with long pauses for her hurried breathing. Davie laughed and turning his head watched the road with her. Presently they heard the horn blowing farther away and below them. Mary stood up, looking all about. There was no sign of the stage coming towards the bridge. Again the horn still farther away. What could it mean! Ah! Mary turned a little sick suddenly. She had never thought of this. The stage had left the main road long ago, and taking the winter short-cut had gone down to the river a quarter of a mile below the bridge. She could see it now, just as it turned the bend. Then it disappeared from sight.

"Oh, Davie!" Mary looked down upon him helplessly, biting her lip to keep back the sobs. The snow was falling faster now and the wind had risen. Davie did not like the snow.

"What's de matter?" he asked shrilly. "I want to go wiv de horses. Why don't you take me wiv de horses, you promised."

"Oh, Davie, I can't." Mary did sob once. She could not help it. "The horses have gone. I-I'm afraid we'll have to go back."

Whereupon Davie began to cry wildly. "I want to see my muvver," he sobbed. "You said you would take me to see my muvver. You promise an' you never break your promise. I don't like dis nasty old snow. It wets my face."

Mary made up her mind suddenly. She did not know how far it was to Dawson, but she knew her father had walked there from the bridge once, before he had broken his leg. She was very strong, and she was nearly eleven. Perhaps a sled would pass them on the road and pick them up. Besides long ago she had impressed upon Davie the value of a promise. She must not disappoint him now.

"Never mind, Davie dear," she said brightly. She offered him a biscuit, which he disdainfully refused. "Never mind," she went on, "I'll take you to see mother, and I'll run just like a bunnie."

Davie laughed through his tears, but insisted that Mary should keep her word, so she had to jump along, imitating a rabbit as best she could. It was very tiring, and she did not keep it up very long. Besides, it was getting dark, and the snow made it darker. The road was drifted in places, and Mary could not understand it, until she remembered that the winter trail ran along the river, and that few people took the road except in the summer. She made up her mind that she had better try to get down the bank, before it got quite dark. But the bank was very steep everywhere, and once when she started down a seemingly gradual slope, the crust of snow broke on the drift that formed the incline and she went through up to her waist. It was lucky the sled was still on the road. Mary let the rope go and clambered out and back to Davie.

"Are you a bit cold?" she asked him anxiously, after they had traveled nearly an hour along by the river.

Davie answered her crossly: "I want a biscuit," he said.

Mary handed him one, and taking off her mitten felt his little cheeks. They were very cold, but then that was not surprising. The wind was in their faces, and the snow stung like needles.

"Are your feet cold, Davie?" she questioned tenderly.

"No," Davie spoke shortly, his mouth full of biscuit. "Go 'way, Mally. Be a bunnie."

He was evidently getting sleepy. Mary was frightened suddenly. She put her numb little hand down and felt Davie's feet. She knew that when people froze they always went to sleep first. But it was as warm as an oven in the little fur-lined box and Mary heaved a sigh of relief. She was getting very tired and her legs and arms ached curiously. It was quite dark now, a darkness that was noisy with the wind and thick with the snow. Once Mary stumbled and fell on a piece of ice, and the sled slewed around nearly upsetting Davie, who began to cry fretfully, and told his sister that he "wanted his muvver now this instant minute."

"I am going as fast as ever I can," Mary said, stopping a minute to get breath, and bending down to him. "I'm being a bunnie, too, sometimes, Davie, only you can't see me," she tried to laugh, but her laugh was not very merry. Davie was not pleased. We wanted to go to sleep.

"I want to see Santa Claus," he said, unreasonably. "You told me dat I would see Santa Claus tonight, an' it's night now."

"No dear, it's only dark. It's not nearly bedtime. Mary changed his position in the box and she felt his

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A Christmas Greeting

This Christmas morning dawns upon a world at peace, upon a strong and united Empire, a prosperous Dominion, a progressive province, and here in Victoria, upon a city which is feeling the impulse of a new life.

Perhaps never in the history of this community, has the holiday season been characterized by so much that makes for happiness. Happy crowds have thronged the streets and the stores; happy voices were heard on every side; happy faces were to be seen everywhere. It has been a delightful Christmas season.

There is only one thing to say. It is the old, old saying which generation after generation of British people have used, and future generations will never grow tired of using.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

A Christmas Carol.

BY FRANK I. CLARKE.

t gentles all
Arouse ye, gallan wake;
Ye ladies fair a on is come to earth
This day God's S ul sake.
For man his sinf

child
This day a little tiny em;
Is born in Bethleh there
All in a lowly stable gem.
Is hid this precious

ble stall
His cradle is the hum le fed;
Where erst the catt l his praise
But angels chorus lou ed.
And hover o'er his b

ng, from afar
Poor shepherds watchi hear
The heavenly voices al star,
And, guided by his nat near.
To worship him draw

ntles all,
So, rouse ye, gallant ge stmas morn;
This blithesome Chri end us all
Good will and peace att born.
The day the Christ i

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A Palmist's Weird

Written for the Colonist by Clive Phillipps-Wolley

CHAPTER I.

"MAKE way, ladies. The King comes." The speaker stood among a group of brilliantly dressed women under the great wreaths of clematis montana, which make a fairy bower of the south side of Government House.

Through and through those white wreaths, with shrill whistle of tiny wings, darted and poised the ruby breasted humming birds, and across the unruffled azure of the Straits, the Gateway of the Angels stood open for all who chose to explore the mystery of sapphire and violet which lies beyond the Olympics.

From the very western verge of Britain's Empire, Carey Castle looked out of a land of homes to the white snow peaks and dimly beautiful Beyond, as Youth looks from its pride of life, across the seas of time to the unknown, seeing only beauty in the distant snows, peace on the sunlit sea.

The ladies started, and turned towards the sunken lawn.

"What do you mean, Colonel Mansfield, His Excellency is still receiving."

"True! I spoke not of His Excellency but of the King. See he comes—Young Manhood crowned," and his glance led their eyes to a tall soldierly boy, who came sauntering towards them.

At his side was a girl, golden as a cottonwood in fall, and graceful as that cottonwood in the wind.

He came with the springy stride of the mountains, a dark, curly-headed fellow, and she, long though his strides were, danced beside him like the smile that follows a thought, and between them was a link, which though intangible, even worldly eyes could see.

"Northern pine, and western honeysuckle," suggested the Colonel.

"Is it true, then?"

"Nay, you must ask the cyringa bushes. I am no authority, but I should guess that those have added one more to their sweet secrets today, and that I have lost an officer. Don't their faces look as if they had seen a new god?"

"She is a lucky girl," said the youngest of the party, and then blushed at her own frankness, as some of the others laughed, and a handsome woman with hard blue eyes and tailor-made gown replied:

"You know it, don't you, Colonel?"

"Yes, if she is a good sportswoman. I hate quiet cattle myself, but that colt will want a lot of breaking."

"Not unlikely. Well-bred ones have generally plenty of spirit, but he is young enough to break. He has a lovely place to take her to."

"Yes, I used to shoot there when we were quartered at Durham; a strange old pile in the Cheviots, looking over miles and miles of yellow downs, where only the cloud shadows move, or the wraiths of those moss troopers from whom he comes. He would not make a bad moss trooper himself, would he?"

"Moss trooper? What is that? A sort of a hold-up man? I don't agree with you a bit, Colonel. Mr. Antrobus is as steady as a yoke of oxen, and the best business man in barracks, my husband says."

"You are a loyal friend to our youngsters, Mrs. Bridges, but he need not be a miracle to be the best

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Christmas Greetings

By CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY

By courtesy of "The Week."

Back! we are back from the frontier lands,
Where the greatest game of the world is played,
Where men take their lives in their reckless hands,
Play hazard with death and are undismayed.
We are back from the mine and the railway grade
To our island home mid the orchard trees,
Each to his merry Canadian maid—
Peace and goodwill to you over the seas.

We have seen the surf on the Arctic strands,
Have tickled earth's ribs with a miner's spade,
Washed gold at Nome from the frozen sands,
Where mammoth and aurochs lie undecayed,
Back in our overalls tattered and frayed,
To kneel with our girls on bended knees,
Praying the prayer that the angels prayed—
Peace and goodwill to you over the seas.

We have done the work which the Race demands,
Have worked for a wage that cannot be paid,
Contented if only She understands
That 'twas not for a dole of fame, nor trade
Alone, that we cleared, that the rails were laid,
But just for her folk, whom such labour frees,
Giving room to breathe in the homes we made—
Peace and goodwill to you over the seas.

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Sire! if political critics upbraid
As if we forsooth had not paid our fees
To share in the empire your fathers swayed,
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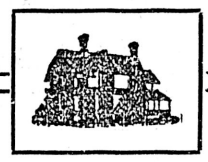

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A PALMIST'S WEIRD

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business man in barracks, my husband says."

"You are a loyal friend to our youngsters, Mrs. Bridges, but he need not be a miracle to be the best business man in barracks, need he? Do you think he looks quite sane?"

"Sane enough for an Englishman and a Sapper anyway," she retorted, and the Colonel joined good-naturedly in the laugh against himself.

At that moment a very martial gentleman strode across the grass towards the pair, saluting the lady with mock devotion and hailing her in loud and cheery tones.

"Ah, Miss Versturme, you are like all the girls. You spoil these young Don't-cher-knows from the Old Country and forget that you belong to us. We have been looking for you all afternoon."

The girl laughed.

"We can't all belong to you, Colonel Perkins. The law forbids."

"The law be hanged. Where ladies are concerned there is no law for soldiers," and his chest expanded until his braces creaked.

"I thought that the army was invented to support the law."

"Quite wrong, my dear, I assure you. To support the ladies. Your education has been neglected; let me improve it. Antrobus has had his turn."

The girl flushed to the tips of her delicate ears, and the vertical lines between her companion's eyes became furrows, whilst the eyes themselves contracted and flashed savagely.

"Does he look sane now?" whispered Colonel Mansfield to Mrs. Bridges.

"Miss Versturme has done me the honor to ask me to take her to her father, sir. When I have done that I will come and talk to you instead of Miss Versturme if she will allow me."

"You! Oh, no one wants to talk to you; at least, I don't when there are so many pretty girls about," replied the unabashed militia man. "Keep a dance for your most devoted tonight, Miss Versturme," and he strutted gaily away, that splendid political organ, his voice, soon making itself heard as the dominant note in the chorus on the lawn.

"What a brute that fellow is," growled Antrobus, as he led his companion round a buttress and out upon the broad walk looking seaward.

"The world is full of such, Harry. He means no harm. What did you mean to say to him if he had accepted your invitation?"

"Just enough to teach him manners."

"It would have been a long interview, but, Harry, how do you think we are going to get through life, if you try to teach every one manners who ventures to look at me? I am afraid I have promised to marry a firebrand."

"Sorry already, little woman?"

She paused and looked up at him, and as she did so her laughing eyes grew grave. It was almost possible with such a man to quarrel over the first kiss.

But the wistfulness in her eyes melted him. It was too soon even for him.

"Ah, forgive me, Francie! The Antrobus temper is a devil which won't be exorcised, but that Satyr's look was almost a defilement. My fingers itched to meet in his bull throat. But I will be good if you forgive me."

"There is nothing to forgive," she said softly, putting her hand in his sinewy arm, "but I am a little afraid of my tiger, you know. He must not show his claws for my sake," and so, laughing again, the two came in sight of a group of older people gathered round a bright hued pavilion.

"There's my father taking Their Excellencies to the palmist. What can Lord X want to consult her for! There is only India left for him, and the Colonist will tell him his character for five cents."

"She may not agree with the Colonist."

"She never does with any one, and she is awfully rude sometimes."

"Was she rude to you?"

"Not rude, but she wasn't kind."

"Then you have been to her. Tell me—"

"No, I will not, sir. You may find out my faults for yourself or stay—I will make a bargain. Go and have your hand read, and we will "swap yarns" as the Americans say. Will you?"

"Isn't it rather feeble?"

"I want you to. Won't you?"

"If my lady wishes it."

"Your lady does, and wishes you bonne fortune," and with a dainty assumption of dignity she swept him a curtsey and went to play her parlor tricks as she called them to their Excellencies.

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On a patch of mountain grass, amongst rocks as Nature clad them in golden stonecrop, and ping pencedamum, in a glade of stunted wind-twisted oaks, stood an Indian tepee, vivid with the crude coloring of the buffalo hunters of the plains.

As soon as he could gain admission, Antrobus entered.

Through the coloring of the tent the strong afternoon sun barely made way, so that he found himself in a dim rich light, face to face with a curious type of beauty.

She was beautiful, that was beyond denial, but her beauty was the hard aquiline beauty of the Cree, though she was as white as he was, or nearly so, the rich autumnal coloring on her cheeks being perhaps the effect of the light in which she sat.

At any rate no one could have become her hole on her fantastic garb better than she did.

Of course Antrobus had met her before, but she put a stop at once to his badinage. She was the seer now and would play no other part.

"You don't believe in palmistry, Mr. Antrobus?"

"Is that written in my hand?"

"No, but many other things are with astonishing plainness, and some of them not in harmony with the disbelief you profess. For instance, you are extremely superstitious as your people were."

Antrobus colored uneasily. What did this woman know of his people?

"And yet they must have had courage since some of them faced what they feared before they were obliged to."

The man's face went white with rage, and she saw it, but instead of of showing any sign of fear, a gleam of malice came into her eyes and she said coldly.

"If you are afraid I will not go on, Mr. Antrobus, but you have challenged the sybil and you cannot expect her to lie."

"Continue, if you please, by all means but it was my fortune you were to tell, was it not?"

"Certainly, and there is plenty to tell, and the first of it is plainly written, but—" and she bent her head lower and paused. "It grows confused. It breaks here and begins again. Yes! It is the same woman and you will marry her and—oh!"

She looked up at him, and shrank from him, her whole expression for a moment one of honest horror, but the next moment she laughed, though the laugh rang thin and false.

"What nonsense it is. Forgive me, Mr. Antrobus, for playing my role too seriously. One must act up to one's part, you know, and you tempted me too far. But of course you are right. The whole thing is a farce."

But now the man's face was set and earnest.

"Oblige me by telling me what you think you see written. It is a pity to stop now."

"But you don't believe."

"Not a bit, but you do. You said I should marry and—"

Her eyes fastened on his and seemed to look into his soul, and slowly her cheeks blanched and the look of horror came back to her, as sinking into her seat, she buried her face on her arms and whispered with a shudder which was at least well simulated.

"Murder her."

CHAPTER II.

"What a devil!"

Antrobus was standing looking westward, where the crimson orange of the sunset was fading slowly into the purple gloom of the sea, which wrapped the mountain's feet and the sadness of the hour was added to the memory of the woman's words.

"No one but a devil could have blasphemed as she did and yet—how did she knew about the things at Red Tower and about my father—"

Even in thought Antrobus never alluded to that one subject. The horror which had fallen upon the family at Red Tower seven years ago had left them a silent and haunted race but silence too fell upon their neighbors. Of the late squire of Red Tower no one spoke, and if any thought of him it was as much as possible as the father of their early childhoond. Men tried to forget that he had written the "Finis" to his own story.

And this woman after seven years had been the first to set Harry's strained nerves tingling again, to stir the half dead memories and rouse again half conquered fears, by a shot at a venture. Was it only that? That there were some who believed in her he knew. There was that Miss Brown, whose immediate death she had predicted—she died, and the other for whom she foretold insanity, was in an asylum. For him she had foretold what?

"Damn the woman; she ought to be strangled!" In his mental agony he spoke aloud, and his fingers clenched as if he himself were the executioner and had her by the throat.

"Good Lord, is she as bad as that? Who is it, Mephistopheles? At the present moment you look cast for the part of executioner."

Egerton, his chum on the station, had come out to him from the officers' quarters and his footfall ahd been deadened by the excellence of the lawn.

Antrobus turned to him with a start.

"You here, Eggs. I was musing on woman, the mischief maker. Forgive my heat."

"Not the 'one woman,' already, I hope."

"No; that Miss Despard, the palmist. You know she prophesied the death of that poor little Brown girl within the year, and it actually killed the child.'

"I've heard something of the story, but you should give up the contemplation of crime, old fellow. 'Just wrath' is not wholesome for you," and as his eyes rested upon his friend's white and working features his look was more serious than his words.

"Come in and have a pipe whilst I tell you about the arrangements we have been making for the great day. The women are all mad because those Hilary girls won't carry red and white bouquets. They insist on wearing some rotten colored frocks which won't go with our colors. To hear the C. O.'s wife you'd think that their pig-headedness would break off the match.' '

Thus Egerton, who had loyally smothered his own hopes in well acted gladness over his friend's good luck, led Antrobus from his evil mood and was to him as the son of Jesse to Israel's mad king.

When Antrobus turned in, soothed with tobacco and more than one whiskey and soda, and tried by the bout of squash racquets he had played before dinner, his mind was as blank as an animal's and he dropped into oblivion as soon as his head touched his pillow.

And yet towards the deep of the night he had left his quiet bed, and lived a whole life in places of which his body had as yet no knowledge, to find himself standing at the supreme moment, alone, in another bed-chamber, the details of which were unfamiliar to him.

In a mirror opposite to him he could see his own face, rigid with fear as the face of Medusa, the brows furrowed, the eyes wide with the madness of despair. What had happened to him he did not then know, but he knew that the weight of a lost world was on his shoulders, he knew that the sweetness of life had dropped from him for ever, and he felt the inevitableness of the shameful end which one short minute before need never have been. And still he did not understand.

That he was a thing cut off from the world, beyond hope, doomed, he knew: that he had done this himself he knew, and that effort and prayer were alike vain, he felt, but there was a misery even beyond this, and turning slowly towards the centre of the room he saw his own handiwork.

From vague shadows and dim coloring, he picked out the outlines of a bed and its drapery, and of that thing of alabaster whiteness which lay so strangely inert upon it.

Gradually the features seemed to grow out of the gloom. An arm trailed helplessly from the bedside, the palm of the soft hand upturned, the little fingers limp and helpless, but that which held his eyes was the royal head with its natural crown of gold, the face thrown back until only the tip of the dainty white chin was visible to him, and above all the full exquisite white throat and bosom, down which ran a stream of crimson so vivid that it blinded him like a lightning flash.

Just above the source of that vivid stream, where the outline of the collar bone was suggested through the flesh, was a small dark mole, emphasized by the virginal whiteness of its surroundings, and this trifle held him, as trifles do in dreams.

He could not see the face; he did not in his dream recognize the woman though there was a hint in the delicate outlines which almost brought a name which he could not remember, to his lips. Try as he would the name would not come, and then something snapped in his brain, he sank beneath the weight which was upon him, and woke shaking in every limb.

Until morning he sat on his bedside smoking and thinking, and his waking thoughts were almost as wild as his dreams.

He put those down sanely enough to the effect upon his mind of the scene in the teepee, and scoffed at himself for his weak mindedness in allowing such folly to weigh with him. His northern common sense warred against the superstition which is also northern, but in the still hours before dawn, nature will be heard, and nature is not always a reliable ally to what we call common sense.

He knew the volcanic temper of his race, he realized the hideous impossibility of undoing what one moment of frenzy might accomplish, and his own face white and worn with his nights watching looked back at him as he shaved, hideously like the face he had seen in his dream.

At one moment he decided that such as he had no right to marry; that he could but bring misery to the woman he loved; that the palmist's prophesy was a true warning which it was his duty to heed, and the next he laughed at himself as a fool almost frightened away from the woman he loved, just as that poor little Miss Brown had been frightened out of her life.

Worn out by such a night and by such conflicting thoughts, he drank more that day than he was wont to do, and smoked incessantly, so that by night his hand was unsteady, and Egerton chaffed him so unmercifully, that in self-defence he told him his dream.

Egerton laughed at him of course, as sensible men do laugh at such of their fellows as attach any importance to matters unconnected with the world they know, but Antrobus told his story so vividly and with so much feeling that the dream stayed even in Egerton's memory, and he thanked God that he at any rate was just a common cockney with no wild northern imagination.

To Antrobus his friend's frank scorn of "all such rot as dreams" came as a healing balm.

A month after the reception, there was to be a dinner at Government House and after that one day of banishment for Antrobus, and toilette mysteries for the women, and then the great day of his life. He was, so they said, already as good as married.

From one trifling cause or another, he had never happened to see Francis in a low dress since their engagement, and as to the time which preceded that, it was nebulous; at best only a vague imprecision.

The first sight of her on this night came to him as a shock. That she was beautiful he knew, but how beautiful it seemed to him that he had never recognized the exquisite fairness of her skin, nor seen so superb a throat except in dreams. There was no doubt now as to the personality of that prone figure upon the bed, except, ah! how he thanked God for it, that, search as he would, there was no blemish however tiny, to emphasize the ivory white of her bosom.

"Why Harry, you look as if you had seen a ghost."

"A spirit, dear," he whispered. "Forgive me, even the prophets became dumb in the presence 'of angels.' "

As the pure sunlight banished malarial mists, Francis's gentle beauty drove away whatever memory still lingered of the young soldier's dream, so that the evening passed like a song which ceases before the ear is satisfied with its sweetness.

Only the old Governor and the two young people were left by eleven in the broad verandah which the white moonlight lit with startling brilliance, and he was dreaming over his cigar whilst they whispered the night away. At last the Governor shifted uneasily, and coughed.

"Ah, daddy; how selfish we are. We are keeping you up all night," and then coming behind him, she put both her arms round his neck, and nestling her cheek to his, whispered:

"May I walk with him as far as the gate? I'll come back at once."

"Surely, child, I suppose you are

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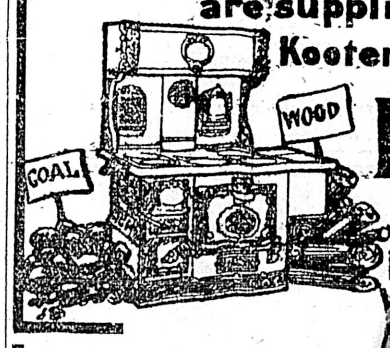

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more his than mine already. But wait, let me put this on," and he brought her a cape of feathers to put over her bare shoulders.

Perhaps there were tears in the old man's eyes, or perhaps some of her golden locks had strayed, so that his fingers fumbled with the catch of her cape, and she to make is task easier, trew back her head so that in the moonlight, standing opposite to her, Antrobus could only see that proud neck and ivory bosom, and the tip of a dainty chin, and as memory recalled the picture, of his dream, the clasp of her great amethyst necklace gave way, the jewels fell, and in the cruel moonlight a small mole stood out almost black against the whiteness of her skin.

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On August the eleventh, the Hilary girls wore their "rotten colored gowns" and did not carry the prescribed red and white bouquets, but it did not matter. When the hour came there was no bridegroom, and the story of the vanishing of Harry Antrobus is still told with various explanations in the western capital, although the Governor is dead, and almost forgotten.

CHAPTER III.

"I met an old friend of ours in hospital, Major."

"Indeed! He must have been a very old friend. We have seen little of the same people since '95, Egerton."

The first speaker set his eyes upon the sky line, and made no reply. For eight years he had harbored a grudge against his companion, for a wrong done to Francis Versturme, and in spite of the world's talk, there had been no explanation, yet, no complaint from her, no defence from him. For this reason the two men had as far as possible quietly avoided meeting. Now that they had meet it was in an arena in which life was stripped of its conventionalities, and human nature bared to the bone. For the first time in eight years Egerton wondered if he had misjudged his old comrade, the pride of the men in the fighting line, who had come out, men said, to get killed, and by the perversity of fate, won everything that other men wanted, except that.

"Who was it, Egerton? One of the saw-bones? Old Trouton is there."

"I remember him, but he was hardly one of our friends. A bit of a bounder, if I remember aright."

Egerton hesitated. When he first spoke he had no care whether he hurt Antrobus or not. He rather hoped to see him flinch. Now he would have been glad of any way of avoiding the subject he had embarked on. But it was too late to retreat.

"No," he said, "it was not Trouton: it was one of the nurses."

At once all interest died out of the Major's face. "Oh," he said, and picked up his paper again.

"It was Francis Versturme."

The African night was dead calm, and neither hardship, disease, nor tobacco had touched his companion's iron nerves, and yet that paper shook until its leaves rattled, whilst, though Antrobus did not raise his eyes, Egerton saw a deathly pallor creep over his face even to his lips.

For some moments Antrobus did not speak. When he did so, it was merely to say in curiously level tones:

"Is she looking well?"

The self-mastery of the man, and the cost of it shown in his worn face, frightened Egerton.

"Yes," he said, "and as beautiful as ever, only that the light is off the landscape."

Again he felt that he had blundered, and hastened to make his blunder worse. "You can't expect much joy in such a life as she leads."

"And you, did you ask her anything?"

Though it was the last question he was expecting, Egerton knew at once what his senior meant.

"No, it would have been useless. It never would have been any good."

Then at last the cruel grip of those strong hands relaxed upon the chair handles and Antrobus looked up. He had sat since the first mention of Francis's name like one who braces himself against the surgeon's knife. Now he held out his hand to his old friend:

"Thanks, Eggs," was all he said, but the old name and the old manner wiped out the past, and when Egerton went back to his tent he had regained a friend.

But that friend sat where Egerton had left him, hour after hour, motionless and silent, his hands locked, his grey head bent down, reading some riddle in the sand, or fighting some silent battle in his heart. Then when dawn came, he rose and passed swiftly to the Colonel's tent.

An hour later he was galloping to the hospital at G and a week later Egerton was told that Major Antrobus was going home.

"Why?"

"No one knows. Sent home, some say."

Invalided?" incredulously.

"Quien sabe? It's a pity, though, this show is nearly over. It would have been better for him if he had seen it through."

Would it? Egerton wondered. When his friend added "that little woman who nursed you, Eggs, is going by the same boat," Egerton wondered no longer. He was sure that the best thing possible had happened for both his friends.

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For the second time in his life, Antrobus found himself on the verge of matrimony, but though the woman was his first love, all had changed, changed even more than it need have done in deference to a whim of the groom that they should be married in London, away from every one who had known them in their earlier life, except Egerton, who was to act as master of the ceremonies.

Between his teeth that gentleman swore that he would bring his horse to the scratch this time.

But he had no fears for Antrobus. If he had once been a somewhat uncertain quantity, he was now a sobered man whose resolution and methodical ways smacked almost too much of age.

In town Antrobus took charge of almost all the details himself, and even went so far as to choose and hire the small flat in Kensington in which he and his bride were to pass the winter.

"They had seen enough," he said, "of the lonely veldt. Now he wanted to be in the thick of human life."

One thing only he had left to Francis, and that rather to keep her amused than for any other reason. She was to deck their nest, and it pleased him to see her preoccupation over house decorators' lists and Liberty's show rooms.

The marriage had been fixed for the third, and on the night of the first Egerton gave a small dinner in his rooms, at which the generally taciturn Antrobus, was in the wildest spirits, so wild indeed, that the white dawn had crept through the blinds, before the last of their guests took his departure.

To Egerton it seemed as if Antrobus was afraid to let them go, and it was almost without surprise that he heard his friends answer to the suggestion that it would be wise to snatch a beauty sleep.

"A man doesn't want to sleep every day in the week," he urged. "Be a man, Eggs, and come for a walk in the park. I hate dreaming."

"I didn't say dream; I said sleep."

"I know, but I never sleep. I always dream. Come."

When the walk was over, the two breakfasted together in Egerton's rooms and, the meal finished, Egerton left his friend for half an hour with the morning paper. When he returned, Antrobus was fast asleep where he sat, and not wishing to disturb him, his friend took up the paper and sat reading opposite to him. But the restlessness of the sleeper distracted Egerton's attention. The man kept moaning in his sleep, and the hands which hung down by his chair's side clenched and unclenched whilst his features worked convulsively.

Egerton rose to wake him, but before he could do so, Antrobus opened his eyes and looked round him with an expression of the wildest horror. Then he sank back again in his chair muttering: "Only a dream again, only a dream."

"What is it, old man? The lobster salad gone wrong?"

For a moment the older man looked at him with the piteous eyes of a hunted beast, then he pulled himself together and answered:

"I suppose so, I was a damned fool to go to sleep."

"You can't stay awake always."

"I suppose that is impossible, but I try to. Have you got your painting things handy?"

"Going to kill time in that way?"

"Yes. Give me a sketch. Thank you."

For ten minutes Antrobus worked hard, and in silence, painting apparently from memory.

When he had finished, he handed his work to Egerton. It fairly took that gentleman's breath away.

"Where will you break out next, Harry? I did not know you could even draw. I thought your attack was nightmare, and behold it was the throes of genius. Is this a design for the "nest?"

"God forbid! Did you ever see a design like that in London?"

"Never. It is original all right, if you have not cribbed it from some Japanese shop. Meant for a wall paper, I suppose. The coloring is superb, though I prefer rose buds and such like myself. Where did you get it from?"

"Hell, I think," replied the other, and he threw his sketch into the waste paper basket.

"Now come and take me to Francie. I am allowed one more visit before tomorrow."

The proposal chimed in with Egerton's desires. The events of the last few hours made him a little nervous about his charge, but long before their visit to Francie was over, his friend's manner had reassured him. He might be harassed and eccentric, but Antrobus had no idea of bolting again.

With a quiet conscience the master of ceremonies left his principles to discuss final details.

"If you thing that journey won't be too long, I will wire Wedderburns' man to expect us tomorrow night. But it might be better to break the journey at Taunton."

"One would think that I had never journeyed to Africa, Harry. You are going to be too careful of me."

"It is for such a short time, Francie, that I cannot afford to take any risks. I have thrown away eight years already."

"It is not only for this life."

"Do you believe that there is anything beyond? Really believe?"

"I know it," and her great eyes grew deep with the faith that was in her. But his face grew troubled. "I would rather only believe in the tangible, the commonplace, the life we know," he said.

"It would be too short for love, Harry," she whispered, and he bending over her hand, kissed it reverently and then forced a lighter mood. "Tell me what I am to do until tomorrow. I dreamed again last night, and I hate dreams."

She looked at him nervously, and then seemed to decide upon a small sacrifice.

"I did not mean you to see it yet, but I will be merciful and it will wile away the day for you. Take the key and go and see what I have been doing at 33."

And so with a kiss she dismissed him, and when she went down to breakfast next morning, her heart fluttered by thoughts of the new world she was to enter into, she found Captain Egerton waiting for her.

In vain that good fellow tried to beat about the bush.

"Where is he?" she asked him, and her voice sounded strange even in her own ears.

"Don't you know?" he retorted aghast.

"I have not seen him since he left me to look at our flat yesterday afternoon."

By an heroic effort Egerton forced a laugh.

"What a ridiculous old owl he is. I suppose he slept there."

Francis did not think it likely, but she handed Egerton a second key, and in ten minutes he was at the flats.

But Antrobus was not there.

On a chair in the little sitting room lay his cane and a glove forgotten, and on the table a note addressed to the man he knew would follow him, a note written on paper from her escritoire with the initials which she had never yet used F. A.—

"Go into the bedroom," the note ran, it will will explain all, and if you ever see that accursed palmist, tell her she lied. H. A.

Egerton was a brave man and a delicate minded one, but it was not delicacy alone which made him hesitate as he entered that virgin chamber. It was fear and horror which gripped him by the throat and made him move his eyes round it warily like one who shuns a sight he expects to meet.

But the room was empty; its daintiness unruffled, except that a pillow which had partially slipped from the bed made him half fancy in the dim light that a figure lay upon it.

A second glance showed him his error. The room was empty. The dread thing he had feared to see was not there.

Looking round him for some hint to the solution of the mystery, the wall paper caught his eye, strangely rich in coloring and of a curious design. Only the day before he had sworn that there was no such design in London When he went back to his rooms, he took his friend's sketch from the waste paper basket, and as he sat smoking, saw perhaps the dream of Harry Antrobus and the end of it.

If he did not, no one else guessed the secret until Sister Francis heard it from Antrobus in that world in which she believed.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

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little head drop over on her shoulder, sleepily. He was fretting still, but too sleepy to cry. With a sick fear at her heart, Mary took the rope and started to run again. She must get somewhere where she could take Davie in out of the cold. She was not thinking about Santa Claus or Christmas, now. Even the thought of her father and mother and the twins was very dim. Her own feet and hands were numb, and the air was so icy that every panting breath she drew hurt her throat and lungs. Surely she would come to a cabin soon! She watched for the light that would tell her of warmth and shelter. By and bye she did come upon a house close to the road. But it was very dark and quiet. She struck hard upon the door, and called loudly. She lifted the latch and tried to open the door, but the cabin was locked up. The people had gone into Dawson for Christmas, she supposed, and with a weary sigh, that was almost a sob, she turned away and took up the hard journey again.

Davie was very quiet now. Mary checked her running suddenly and went to him. She put her ear to his mouth. Her heart jumped with joyful relief when he stirred and murmured drowsily, "Go 'way, Mally. Be a bunny some more."

The storm seemed to be increasing. It was hard pulling the sled against the fierce wind. It beat against Mary as though to drive her back, and the snow struck her numb cheeks sharply, though it did not hurt them now, as it had at first. But she was so tired. All the bones in her little body hurt just like the toothache, and the sled, that had seemed so light when they started merrily away from home, now felt so heavy that once or twice it almost dragged her backwards. Then she began to climb another hill. It was all up and down hill now, and this hill was very, very steep. It was so dark that Mary could not see the road at all, and she was afraid that at any minute she might unknowingly go towards the river, and, before she could stop herself, fall over the bank and drag Davie with her. Once or twice she had heard bells down there below her, and had tried to call out, but the wind had drowned her voice.

She reached the top of the steep hill at last, and, as she did so, the wind swept against her more madly than ever, frightening her with its shrill whistling and its fierce strength. She knelt down beside Davie, tremblingly.

"Baby!" she cried in his ear; "Baby!"

But Davie did not stir this time. She seized him roughly and shook him hard. "Davie! Davie!" she screamed; and oh! the sobs that burst from her little heart when Davie answered in his sleep:

"Be a bunny! Be a bunny!"

She stood up then, trembling still, and facing the storm, looked down into the valley. Was it fancy, or did she see a light below? No, it was true, quite; not only one light but two, three, four! She counted aloud, her sobs choking her. Ten lights! Then she must be at the new bridge, just two miles above Dawson! She would go to the nearest light, and ask someone's help. Davie would have warm milk, and a warm bed. Perhaps, perhaps, they would take them into Dawson, to her mother. And then! and then! The tears froze Mary's eyelashes up. She gave a little laugh that was nearly all sob, and pulling off her mittens, held her bare hands to her eyes. Her long journey was nearly over now. She picked up the rope again.

It was curious; but how suddenly she began to feel drowsy herself! She tried to run, yet she knew she was not running, but just barely dragging her heavy feet along. Her head felt dizzy, too, and down there in the valley the lights began to dance, and dwindle, until the whole big stormy blackness seemed full of them. All at once she stumbled and fell, lifted herself only to fall again. Then she crawled along on her hands and knees, pulling the sled jerkingly. The runners struck her more than once, but she barely felt them. Then Davie's sharp cry aroused her. She crept to him, putting her face down to him—the drowsiness had left her.

"Davie's cold," said the little fellow, pathetically. "Davie's foots is cold."

"Yes, dearie, yes." Mary stoop up again, new strength returning to her. Then from a long way off there came to her a sharp, mournful howl. "It's a malemute!" Mary said aloud. "I know it's a malemute!" But her heart was thumping in her throat. Her father had told her of the wolves. Once she had seen one, a great yellow-faced beast. He was dead; but Mary was afraid of him even then. Again the sharp-drawn howl, nearer now. She seized the rope and, kissing Davie, started stumblingly down the hill. On and on she went, but the lights seemed to come no nearer. By and bye they disappeared altogether. It was only the turn in the road; but Mary did not know. She was running from the howling now, the mournful cry that might mean malemutes or wolves. Davie was shouting lustily as the sled slewed from side to side. He was cold and hungry, and could not understand why Mary would not stop and comfort him. Then another sound came to the little girl's ears—the gay, gay ring of hundreds of tiny bells. She stood still suddenly. The howling had meant the malemutes after all. Some one was coming. Someone in a dog-team. Mary drew the sled close to the side of the road, and stood in front of it to protect Davie. Nearer came the jingle of the bells, nearer the sharp barking of the dogs. Then suddenly something struck against Mary, heavily and softly, and she fell and knew no more.

When she opened her eyes again, a light from somewhere dazzled them. She tried to sit up, but found she could not move.

"Davie!" she whispered. "Where is Davie?"

Oh! the sweetness of the voice that answered her!

"Davie is sound asleep with the twins, dreaming of Santa Claus!"

"Mother!" whispered Mary, hardly believing the beautiful, happy wonder of it. "Mother, is it you?"

Someone had moved the light, and Mary opened her eyes. She was lying on a white bed, in a warm room, gay with pictures. A fire burned in a heater; she could see the coals in the draft, and over in the corner stood a big shadowy Christmas tree. But best of all was the tender face that bent above her, and the tender lips, whose touch seemed to soothe all the pain in the weary little body. "How did I come here?" asked Mary.

"The Indian trappers found you," Mother answered, her voice not quite steady. "The dog sled struck you, and you had fainted, but Davie was crying loudly, and they lifted you both into their own sled and brought you into Dawson, along with the venison and bear meat and the rabbits!" Mother's laugh was very trembly. "They took you to the hotel first, but Davie said his name was 'Davie Spinner,' and he wanted his 'muvver'; so they sent for Uncle Peter, and he brought you here two hours ago. Now tell mother, darling, have you much pain?"

"I haven't a bit of an ache," said Mary, happily, though her little body was too weary to move. "I am just one great, big joy. And I've kept my promise to Davie!" she finished triumphantly.

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St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Yankton, S. D., says a divorce was granted tonight to Mrs. James G. Blaine, wife of the son of former United States Secretary Blaine on the grounds of non-support and desertion. The case was begun before Judge E. G. Smith at 7 o'clock and at 8 o'clock the decree had been granted and the divorced wife had taken a train for the east. This breaks the record for the time consumed in a divorce hearing in South Dakota.

"That man is one of my friends," remarked the novice in public life. "Which kind?" responded Senator Sorghum. "Friends, you know, are divided into two great classes; those whom you need and those who need you."—Washington Star.

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Dividend No. 3, amounting to 20 per cent., will be paid by the Trustee at his office, 75 Government street, on and after Thursday, the 20th inst., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., to the creditors who have proved their claim to be entitled to rank on the above estate. Kindly remember that interest certificates have to be produced.

B. S. HEISTERMAN,
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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1906.

Consumptive Sanitorium Building Fund

One hundred thousand dollars (100,000) asked for—fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) needed, to entitle committee to Hon. James Dunsmuir's grant of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.)

Is a Consumptive Sanitorium needed? During the month of September of this year a boy nineteen years old became consumptive. He lived in a hotel and was dependent on his own efforts as a laborer. As a result of his disease he was turned out of three hotels and refused admission to a public hospital. The boy is now dead. A man who befriended the boy wrote as follows: "God have mercy on us for our neglect of such cases." Need we further ask, is this institution needed?

The death-roll from consumption in Canada exceeds twelve thousand yearly; and in British Columbia it is over two hundred.

The number of persons invalided from consumption is authoritatively estimated to be five times as great as the number of deaths therefrom; therefore, we have some sixty thousand invalids in Canada, and a thousand in British Columbia.

We have, therefore, before us the appalling fact that yearly we lose the benefit of the services and earning powers of thousands of citizens who are incapacitated by illness, and others we lose outright by death, through this one cause—and that a preventable cause. This is something to set political economists thinking very seriously. It is a responsibility too vast to be measured by mere figures, or described in mere language.

No fanciful theories, untried methods, or mere experiments are proposed. The simple, God-given remedies, viz.: Fresh air, suitable food, rest and exercise, under expert supervision, and suitable, cheerful surroundings, have more than proved their efficiency. Practically speaking, these requisites are obtainable only in a sanitorium.

A further advantage connected with such an institution is that the admission of a patient means the removal of one source of contagion from the general community; and when, after treatment, such person is returned cured, or otherwise, to the ranks of the public, he or she is an educational centre of first importance, because the first principle impressed on a patient on entering a sanitorium is the care he should exercise in his personal habits; the necessity for cleanliness, for care in disposal of anything about him which would spread, or even be likely to spread, contagion; in a word, he is persistently taught to move and live so that no other human being shall be likely, in the remotest sense, to suffer on account of any thoughtlessness on his part in the care of himself. Such a person, when discharged from the institution is, by his training in the sanitorium, not only impressed with the necessity for continuing such caution, but, because of his knowledge so gained, becomes in his family and general surroundings an educational influence infinitely more effective than all the literature and arguments of physicians and authorities on the subject.

The conditions as to consumption are not only fully understood, but are well recognized, and it is now an accepted fact that consumption is preventable and may be cured, or its course arrested. That being so, inaction is, to say the least, criminal. It is our duty to endeavor, in any case, to stem the progress of this sacrifice of human beings.

It is proposed to build a sanitorium in British Columbia. The provincial government are prepared to assist, and the people generally, through local societies formed all over the country, are willing to maintain. You are asked to help us to build. Action, immediate action, is imperative, if we wish to stem this awful tide of mortality. To stand idly by any longer is tantamount to being willing participators in something worse than race suicide.

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THE HOUSE DISSOLVED.

A Gazette Extra issued last evening announces the dissolution of the local legislature. Nomination day is fixed for January 19, and election day for February 2. The new House is to meet on March 8.

While the campaign will be a short one, it will be long enough for every legitimate purpose. Everybody has been looking for an election, and preparations are already well advanced.

The contest will doubtless be vigorous. The government, while confident of success, will spare no effort to make that success as complete as possible. The Opposition claim to be very hopeful, and at any rate say that they will make a strenuous fight. What effect the Independent Labor movement will have no one can foretell. It may be a formidable factor, and it may have only a disturbing influence. The Socialists will make the most of every opportunity afforded them.

The government enters upon the campaign with the resolve to secure a majority that will strengthen its position in the legislature. It will act in alliance with none of the other elements in the political field, and will have candidates in every constituency. It appeals to the electorate upon its record, and with every confidence that the verdict will be in its favor.

On the present occasion, for reasons that are obvious, the Colonist will not deal with any of the campaign issues, but will content itself with asking for the government a consideration of its course during the three and a half years in which it has been in power.

MR. GREEN'S RESIGNATION.

In commenting upon the resignation of Mr. Green from the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, the Times says: "It is either the consequence of the pressure of public opinion, which the ministers have been diligently weighing for some weeks as a preliminary step to dissolution, or the result of a force in this case equally potent and more direct in its influence, and unmistakably giving expression to public opinion." Our contemporary is wholly mistaken. There has been no demand on the part of the public for Mr. Green's retirement, and as for the other "force," to which it refers, the nature of which everybody will understand, we have only to say that, if the Times will state explicitly what it means, we are in a position to give it an explicit, direct and authoritative denial. For the present we shall say no more, for the reason that there is no occasion for introducing into a political controversy any branch of the administration not necessarily involved in it.

Our esteemed contemporary thinks that the resignation either indicates or creates something very like a crisis. Not at all. Mr. Green has retired from his position voluntarily, and for the reasons stated in the interview with him printed in the Sunday Colonist. He intends retiring from political life to engage in business. The rewards of politics in this province are not so great that any man is to be blamed for seeking other fields for his industry and talents. Mr. Green has an opportunity offered him, which he feels he ought to accept, and he has done so. As he intends to take an active part in the compaign on behalf of the government, his political critics will have every chance that they can ask to attack his public career.

We are glad to see that the Times has the fairness to admit that the retiring minister has been an efficient administrator of his department. He certainly has been. The Department of Lands and Works was never in anything like as satisfactory a condition as it is today, and the change has been due almost wholly to Mr. Green's executive ability. He leaves public life with an excellent record, and the most strenuous critics of the government will hardly assert otherwise.

BRITISH COLUMBIA FRUIT.

We print a letter from Mr. J. H. Turner in reference to the British Columbia fruit exhibit in London. He mentions some very interesting matters. It is not easy to estimate the benefit, which the province will derive from this exhibit. The attention of the British people is being attracted to British Columbia in a way that is out of the usual run. Fruit growing is an industry, which is exceedingly popular, and is certain to become more so. Not much can be added to what Earl Grey said on the subject, because his remarks were so exceedingly comprehensive, although very terse. It is not hard labor, and it has much that is delightful associated with it. It is likewise very profitable. There is perhaps no line of industry possible in British Columbia from which a greater profit can be derived, having regard to the amount of capital invested.

We regard it as highly probable that a large number of people from the United Kingdom will make their homes in this province and engage in fruit raising. Take the case of a man with a small income regularly coming in. Place him upon a small ranch on Vancouver Island, or in some of the other fruit-growing regions of the province, and his position in life, provided he attends to his business, cannot help from being exceedingly comfortable. When this becomes generally known, very many people will come here. We must not expect too much. Time is necessary to get the advantages of this industry, when conducted here, well into the public mind. The United Kingdom may not be a very large place, but there are a great many people in it, and they are not all reached by a fruit display in a few of the chief centres of population. Much also will depend upon the experience of the vanguard of those who come here. There is a very great deal more work to be done in the way of disseminating information. But an excellent beginning has been made, and we may all with confidence expect great results.

THE PEOPLE WE NEED.

What British Columbia needs more than anything else at this particular time is a number of married laboring men, who will come here intending to remain permanently. One great objection to Oriental labor is that the men are nearly all unmarried. Of course, if it were otherwise, there would be serious objections, especially to the Chinese and Hindus, because of their manner of living; but no labor conditions, which create communities where single men herd together, are good. Even in the case of white people, a community consisting chiefly of unmarried working men has many objectionable features, especially when, as is the case on the Pacific Coast, the rate of wages is high. Men, who are earning a good deal of money, and are without family ties, are apt to become careless in their habits, and the result is loss of time to themselves and great inconvenience at times to their employers. If you walk up Government street, above Chinatown, any evening after 6 o'clock you will meet a number of Chinamen returning from their work. In an Eastern community this score or two of people would all be white men, the majority of them would have wives and children, and nearly all of them would be good citizens. A certain proportion of them would own their own homes; others would be good tenants of snug cottages. They would buy the newspapers. They would attend the churches. Their children would be available to fill the many openings constantly occurring, for capable young men and young women. No doubt the presence of so many Chinamen has prevented the coming to this province of the very desirable class of people above mentioned. An artificial line, which is all the more impassable because it is so obscure, has been drawn between white men's and Chinamen's work. Not long ago a man in one of the Vancouver Island towns said that his boys were in Seattle, working in a saw mill. When asked why they had not sought employment in a saw mill in their own town, he replied that they were just beginners and would have to be put at Chinamen's work. By and bye, he hoped, when they were able to do a white man's work, they would come home. Of course the chances are against their returning. When they become proficient, so as to command the better positions around a mill, they will find plenty to do where they have learned their trade, and thus British Columbia will lose a couple of sturdy, industrious young fellows, who would have been glad to have remained at home, if they could have worked alongside of white boys. This is not a solitary case by any means. We concede the apparent and temporary advantages resulting from coolie labor, but in the long run what pays best is the white laborer, who marries, establishes a home and brings up a family. Of these we can never have too many.

THE HINDUS.

It has been stated in the Imperial House of Commons that steps are to be taken by the government of India to check emigration to this country. This is the only proper course to deal with a matter of this involved nature. Legislation directed against the Hindus, whether passed by the Dominion or Province, would have created a bad impression in India, and while the enforcement of the usual restrictions against immigrants could not reasonably be objected to, even by the most critical, the effect would be unfavorable upon the opinion of the native population of India, who cannot be expected to understand the conditions existing here. As Colonist readers will remember, this paper has urged all along that the stream of undesirable immigrants should be checked at its source, and it is therefore with much satisfaction that we learn of the intention of the British government. Canadians have only the most kindly feelings towards their fellow-subjects in India, and we are bound to say, in justice to those who have already come here, that, taking them altogether, they are pretty good laborers. But they do not fit in with our social organization, and while the presence of a few hundreds will make no particular difference to any one, if there was a really large influx, the results would be very unsatisfactory to all concerned.

A Scotch advocate, limping down High street in Edinburgh, overheard a lady say to her companion, "That is Mr. C., the lame lawyer." Turning around, he replied, "No madam, I am a lame man, but not a lame lawyer."—Christian Register.

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SPLENDORS OF THE MIDWINTER DISPLAY.

Midwinter styles show such an opulence of fur that it goes without saying one must have a very fat pocketbook to be in the swim of things. In the smart streets, smart women go by cuddled often from chin to heels in skin coats of regal splendor. The shorter fur jackets, though jauntier, perhaps in style, are often by comparison, suggesting sometimes even the poignant possibility that the wearer is not warm. This quality, while passing muster with the milder days, is fatal with the fiercer winds of Boreas, for the fitness of things is one of Fashion's most inexorable requirements. So a get-up, which is adorable on a mild day has some of the melancholy of the last rose on a colder one, and the woman who can't afford one of these queenly fur wraps has only this to console her. The situation is reversed when her hour comes, and with sunshine, warm breezes, the long coat is truly a white elephant.

In a number of instances these long fur garments are made of the most precious skins, Russian sable, mink, etc., but the woman wise in her generation chooses a pelt less expensive, knowing the impracticability of such coats for all-round wear. They are, besides, supposed to need the dignity of a vehicle to carry them off, especially the longer ones, but who can resist the glee of showing a skin coat from neck to heels when the chance arrives. Mink in the richer eastern sorts, with light touches of ermine, is one fine skin combination which displays itself in the grander coats. An ermine muff may go with this, and maybe a mink and ermine toque, though the preference is for velvet hats, rich with feathers. But far smarter than even this smart combination is an all-mink coat, with a muff and toque to match, tinsel camelias or roses perhaps setting off the hat. Therein—this admixture of the fairy and the beast—lies the charm of fur, for with these dainty flowers and others colored after nature go often masses of delicate lace chiffon kiltings, and silk linings as gay as the gown of Botticelli's Flora.

Musquash, dyed to imitate seal, is a medium used for many coats or less expensive nature, and sable and mole-colored squirrel achieve the smartest effects when properly made up and trimmed. Which means, of course, that the garment is not cheap in the end, for the dainty touches used, the splendid buttons, are the notes which tell. Persian and baby lamb, flat caracus and mink appear prominently in the shorter jackets, whose deckings are infinitely coquettish. Upon one dashing little mink bolero, which crossed shawl fashion at the front, a dim Saxe blue chiffon was used as under emphasis to kiltings of brown. These bordered the jacket all round, fluffing from the elbow sleeves in deeper frills, where blue buttons, set in love-knot ornaments of the chiffon, caught up the mass in a flurry of prettiness. The love knots and buttons also formed a frog fastening for the front of the coat, whose round neck was overlaid with a rich lace collar threaded with tinsel.

With the short haired furs, embroideries, on silk, velvet, kid and cloth are frequent and rich deckings. Flat caracul, moire, astrakhan and baby lamb lend themselves charmingly to these treatments roucles of brilliant or artistically dim color and gold threads running over the background used for trimming. One little Persian and ermine coat was almost barbaric in its scheme of tints, for, besides the black and white of the skins, blue, orange, pale blue and Empire green appeared, narrow black and gold braid outlining the bands made by these.

As to the form of these coats they are too varied to be chronicled. The longer ones are both extremely loose and close fitting, and the same thing may be said of the short jackets. Still looseness for these, last is perhaps the most elegant feature, and in many coquettish sacque forms they fall short enough in the majority of instances to show girdles rich with buckles, buttons, or embroideries. Indeed so much is a smart girdle a part of the short fur coat that it is useless to expect a good effect without one. Furriers show them in numbers, made of folded satin, kid, or thin velvet with sometimes buckles to match the buttons on the coat. Turquoises set in filigree silver, silver dimmed, made fashionably dirty-looking, composed the buckles and buttons of one bewildering little jacket of deeply marked chinchilla, whose front and sleeves hung with kiltings in gray chiffon. Pink coral in Mexican chased-gold formed the belt fastening and buttons of another coat—Eastern mink this, with a soft brown lining embroidered with coral.

Among the lesser extravagancies are the little coats of dyed musquash, flat caracul and mole tinted squirrel, whose elbow sleeves and dainty touches follow all the caprices of fashion. These with matching muffs and a well cut cloth skirt create a very stylish effect and the wearer has the pleasure of knowing often that her modish jacket has not cost rer all her substance. Very excellent little coats in these skins may be had for $45; but if one wants the truly exclusive thing more must be paid of course, $1,000 and $1,200 are quite ordinary sums for the long coats whose accompanying muffs are correspondingly opulent in size and trimmings.

Apropos of muffs and the neck piece which go with them, truely the winter trapper has had his hands full. No one animal, unless it were a Bengal tiger or Polar bear, could ever adequately supply either muff or boa. Big is not the word for these trimmings, for they are fairly enormous, and unless the gown itself is very splendid, no medium sized set can set it off. Made of stone marten, fox, ming, sable, the grander sets fairly hang with heads, tails, and little pitiful feet, till woman herself seems as fearsome as the scalp hunter.

Still femininity in itself is softened by such luxurious means, and over the fuzzy coats and big muffs—under the cuddlesome toques, which the wan tintel flowers set off so strangely—fine eyes seem to beam out with a more dangerous softness. To be a genuine breaker of hearts, indeed so magnificent has dress become, woman must have the golden arrow of wealth in her quiver. Those clever at connivance may achieve much, in some cases even surmount their richer sisters; but in the majority of instances, beauty, softness, seductiveness are synonymous with money, much money.

Fur sets the maid of medium means finds productive of good results are the tail and head-decked fox ones, which follow all the big models and are tremendously smart. In pure white or pale grey, these sets effect with a pretty dress even a very elegant air, and since Fashion has set her stamp upon them they are eminently desirable.

As to the gowns for such mufflings, they are in keeping, very fragile French effects hiding themselves often under the long coats, and something of the tailor genre displaying itself with shorter ones. Cloth and herringbone serge are much used for the costume trottoir, which, if the fur coat is very smart, may be quite plain by comparison. With the more elegant little coats velvet or silk skirts are sometimes seen topped by a rich lace bodice, which is kept in sequence with the skirt by some trimming or other.

With a fur set alone skirt and jacket match, so assuming the gown cost $50 and the set $35, a very stylish get-up is established at fair cost. For it is useless to pretend that woman's finery is not dear, and comparing these prices with others quite common, $85 may be computed as seasonable for a winter get-up. The hat will cost $15 more at least, but accountred with taste, the hundred dollar girl may go by quite as triumphantly as her sister of thousands.

Hats! Who has not despaired of them this winter, for headgear, to a great extent, has surely passed the bounds of reason. In the shops the roof tops of winter are so huge, so overburdened, so unrelated to anybody but the true goddess, that the average buyer sees the futility of getting the thing ready made. So here and there upon the streets, through inconspicuous doorways, creep these daughters of misfortune, to have their heads measured, their types digested, and $10 bargained for if possible. The hats turned out by these private milliners—little milliners, as they are called in Paris—all bear a sensible relation to the head. Medium sizes with discretion in trimming, are most in demand, and even when a readymade is in contemplation it has generally to be altered somewhere.

For the bigness, savagery and general impracticability of the imported hats the French makers blame American buyers. La belle American loves show, flamboyance—has, in fact, a little bad taste, say these people, in matters of millinery. This they prove quite effectively by showing the genuine thing as worn in Paris, whose heads, coiffures, and headgear are so deftly and painstakingly combined that they all seem a piece. Here the models put forth as French hats require not only height and breadth, but a wealth of crimped, puffed and shining hair to put them in keeping. Only the finer types of women, among whom are many beautiful Jewesses, carry them off well, and all the others look like farthing candles under very big snuffers.

Foremost among the hat makers exploited among big importers in Paquin whose gowns are also world-renowned. This gentleman displays the aborted French hat in its most grotesque guise, but here and there, as may be expected, will be a gem no domestic hatmaker could ever achieve. One adorable little turban of golden brown velvet was among these, the funny narrow pinched shape sitting the head with the prow of the boat—for boat it seemed—over one eye. At the left side was a cockade (cockade is the actual French word) of green ribbon flanked by a wide sheaf of green quills, put on Indian warrior fashion.

Enormously wide, full and often long ostrich feathers deck the big brim hats with tinsel roses, orchids and camellias tucked in, along with rosettes of lace, tulle or tinsel gauze. The cachee peigne (under-back trimmings) is still in evidence, and if this subterranean decking is at the side it may be almost equally elaborate.

All sorts of novel freaks distinguish the French hats, such as a complete veiling of hat and trimmings under a gauzy coverings of some sort, and big grapes and bigger roses colored after anything but nature Still these trimmings are in themselves most beautiful, suggesting the subtlety woman needs to be truly fair. And if the wearer is big enough, fine enough, to carry off the truly pseudo-French hat, the ensemble is magnificent.

In truth, take it all in all; the midwinter street display has more charms than defects. The chief things needed is to have taste for your proper choice and the precious gold to pay for it when it is made.

SWISS ARMY COSTS LITTLE.

System Saves People Millions and Gives Soldiers Some Freedom.

Chicago Chronicle.

The Swiss army is one of the most remarkable of her political institutions. It is the ideal toward which the common people of every European country, weighed down with taxation to support huge standing armies, turn with longing and hope.

The Swiss system of militia saves millions of money to the taxpayers and gives years of freedom from military service to the soldiers. Practically all Swiss serve from the age of 20 to 50 in the militia and reserves. The raw recruits go into schools, the infantry for forty-five days, the cavalry for eighty days.

After this, the cavalry serves sixteen days each year and the infantry and artillery fourteen days every other year. The reserves serve only five or six days every four years. The officers, of course, are carefully trained in good schools for a period of years.

This short service would be insufficient were it not preceded and supplemented by military training for boys in school and rifle practice every year by practically all Swiss citizens.

Target shooting is the national sport, and in accordance with the laws a place for target practice must be supplied by every town in the country. As an encouragement prizes of all sorts are offered by the national government.

This little Switzerland, with a population of less than 3,000,000 people has an army of 337,000 of the most martial soldiers of Europe—armed, equipped and ready to take the field at a moment's notice.

TOO QUICK ABOUT IT.

An old Scotch woman once said to her pastor:

"Dear me! Ministers mak' muckle ado aboot their hard work, but what's two bits of sermons in the week tae make up? I could do't it myself."

"Weel, Janet," replied the minister, good-humoredly, "let's hear you try it."

"Come awa' wi' a text, then," quoth she.

He repeated with emphasis: "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than with a brawling woman and in a wide house."

Janet fired up instantly. "What's that ye say, sir? Dae ye intend onything personal?"

"Stop! Stop!" broke in her pastor, "you would never do for a minister, Janet; you come over soon to the application."

Catarrh of the nose and throat should lead you to at least ask us for a free trial box of Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Cure. Nothing so surely proves merit as a real, actual test—and Dr. Shoop, to prove this, earnestly desires that we let you make that test. This creamy, snow white healing balm, soothes the throat and nostrils, and quickly purifies a foul or feverish breath. Call and investigate. Cyrus H. Bowes.

Christmas Greetings To All.

A FREE GIFT

Every lady leaving her name and address in our office from now on to New Year will receive Free a handsome Needle Case Calendar, containing 40 assorted Sharpes Needles.

Wise Readers Never Overlook Our Advertisements. Watch And Carefully Read Them You Will Save Money By Doing So.

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Complete Home, Hotel and Club Furnishers.

VICTORIA, B. C.

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SPIN MANY BRIGHT THREADS OF JOY
FOR YOU AND YOURS
Is the Sincere Wish of

Henry Young & Co.

Everybody Smokes Old Chum

Victoria Daily Weather

Monday, Dec. 24.

Highest..... 43
Lowest..... 36
Mean..... 39
Rain, .01 inch.

Victoria Weather

NOVEMBER.

Highest temperature.. 56.1
Lowest temperature... 30.4
Mean temperature.... 44.03
Total precipitation for the month, 6.13 inch; average amount, 4.69. Total rainfall for 1906 to date, 23.67 inches.
Bright sunshine, 76 hours and 6 minutes; mean daily proportion, 0.27 (constant sunshine being 1).

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

A pretty Christmas wedding took place at St. Saviour's church yesterday afternoon, when Cecil Hardie, youngest daughter of Mrs. Mary Hardie, of Manchester, and John Leeming, youngest son of E. J. Leeming, were united in marriage by Rev. C. E. Cooper.

The bride was given away by her brother, L. H. Hardie, and was attended by her sister, Miss V. Hardie, while P. H. Austin supported the groom. E. Howard Russell presided at the organ.

After the ceremony a quiet reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion, at which only the family and immediate friends of the contracting parties were present. The esteem in which the young couple are held was clearly shown by the numerous and handsome gifts.

The bride was one of the most enthusiastic members of the Victoria Hockey club, and is also well known in tennis circles, while Mr. Leeming is a prominent member of the J. B. A. A., and for many years has been instrumental in keeping tennis popular in that institution. He is one of the members of the firm of Leeming Bros., Fort street.

The happy couple left on the Indianapolis for a tour of Portland and the Sound cities, and on their return will take up their residence on Esquimalt road.

TO BREAK UP A COLD

All you require is a little sugar, a glass of hot water, thirty drops of Nerviline. Take it hot. In the morning you will wake up without a cold. Nerviline is good for other things—such as toothache, neuralgia, rheumatism. For pains inside and pains outside Nerviline is simply marvelous. Druggists sell it at 25 cents per bottle.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Dec. 24.—Fire today destroyed the drygoods store of W. F. Ferguson and threatened the business section of the city. The loss is estimated at $100,000 covered by insurance.

CURIOSITY

Leads to Investigation and Truth.

What shall we do to be saved? was the title of one of Robt. Ingersoll's lectures. People of faith and people of no faith flocked to hear it. Thousands are asking, "What shall I do to get rid of dandruff?" The answer to "Kill the germ that causes dandruff, falling hair and finally baldness; and the only thing that will do it is Newbro's Herpicide. That is the very latest discovery of the laboratory and it is the only preparation that claims to, or that will kill the pestiferous dandruff germ. It also is a delightful hair-dressing, free from oil or grease or sticky substances. Try it and be convinced of its actual merit. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c. in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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SAMPLE OF
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Mailed to any address on receipt of 2c. stamp for return of postage.
Don't Miss This!
FOR ONE PINT OF SYRUP.
Dissolve 2 cups of sugar in one cup of water and add the sample of Mapleine.
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LEGISLATURE DISSOLVED AND ELECTION DAY SET

Nominations January 19th; Elections February 2nd; House to Meet March 8th—Situation in Constituencies at Time of Writing

Lieut. Governor Dunsmuir proclaimed a dissolution of the tenth parliament of British Columbia yesterday afternoon. With it an announcement was made to the effect that the nomination of candidates, contesting the various constituencies, would take place on the 19th of January, the elections following on the 2nd of February, some three weeks later. Notice also was given that the next session of the legislature would be held on the 8th of March.

Premier McBride, it is understood, announces that he goes to the country to stand or fall by the policy which was enunciated and to which he faithfully adhered throughout the term he has had control of the reins of government. His supporters are confident of the result but, though optimism is apparent in the ranks of the Conservative party, it is not the intention of any of the adherents to allow the forthcoming campaign to show a lack of aggressiveness as far as they are concerned. Premier McBride will leave for his riding on Friday; F. J. Fulton already is in the interior, and, it is expected, that other members of the executive will scatter to their respective constituencies immediately after the present holiday season. In an interview last evening the premier said:

"I exceedingly regret that I am losing from the cabinet such an able and loyal colleague," said the Premier last evening, in speaking of the retirement of Mr. Green from the position of chief commissioner of lands and works. "The resignation is entirely voluntary on his part, due to his desire to devote his energies to his private business, and any criticism to the contrary is altogether unfounded. I consider that Mr. Green was the most efficient head of the Lands and Works department that the province ever possessed. He is hard-working and painstaking, and the legislation that he initiated proves he possesses ability of a high order. The present satisfactory condition of the timber industry is very largely due to the measures that Mr. Green was instrumental in placing on the statute books, whereby, besides making the tenure of the holder of limits more satisfactory as a business enterprise, the interests of the province have been better conserved than heretofore. In the face of bitter opposition from those on the other side of the House, he increased the rental for licenses (from $100 to $115 for the portion of the province east of the Cascades, and to $140 west of the Cascades), thus insuring a large increase to the provincial revenue. At the same time the holders are better able to deal with their limits as they are given titles for a fixed period, instead of from year to year at the discretion of the chief commissioner.

"The extraordinary growth of the sawmill industry in this province during his term of office is also directly due to Mr. Green's perfecting and the enforcing of the law requiring that timber cut on provincial lands should be manufactured within the limits of the province. Had it not been for this, many of the mills now being operated in British Columbia would have been erected on the United States side of the line to the benefit of workmen in that country, instead of giving employment to hundreds of employees in this province.

"The Boiler Inspection Act has also been made more efficient through Mr. Green's efforts, the safety of the public being better looked after without any increase of hardship on the owners of boilers or of the engineers.

"I might mention alos the Log Scaling Act, which makes the scalers officials of the governments and removes a former cause of friction between the mill owners and the loggers.

"When the present government came into power the conditions on the dyked lands of the Fraser were most unsatisfactory. Hundreds of thousands of dollars had been extended in this work for which the government was responsible, previous governments having guaranteed the bonds issued by the dyking commissioners. The governments were practically receiving no revenue from assessments levied on the districts affected, and Mr. Green made a solution of the difficulty satisfactory to both the province and the people, with the result that there is now a period of prosperity in that part of the province. If for no other reason than this legislation, Mr. Green would have gained for himself an enviable record as chief commissioner.

"Mr. Green was the first chief commissioner to take up seriously fire protection for the timber lands, and the success of his efforts amply proves the wisdom of his course. With increased revenue this policy can now be further carried out on the lines he has initiated.

"I wish to emphasize that Mr. Green's retirement is due to no pressure from members of the government, nor from any other source; and my colleagues all unite with me in expressing sincere regret at his retirement, as nothing would have pleased us better, both personally and politically, than had he seen his way clear to remain in the cabinet."

Preparations for Campaign

Both the Liberal-Conservatives and the Liberals are reported to be almost ready for the fray. The announcement of yesterday did not come as a great surprise to either side. Ample time has been given to permit all necessary preparation before the actual election is held. Under the constitution it is required that the returning officers for the various constituencies notify those residing within their jurisdiction of a general election eight days prior to polling day. On this occasion twenty-six days intervene between the declaration of dissolution and the date set for nomination.

Although it was not known whether another session of the tenth parliament would be held before the next election was called both parties have been busy, for weeks past, in nominating candidates. Even in the constituencies where no one has as yet been placed in the field different representative men are mentioned on both sides, so that it will not take long for the present vacancies to be filled. Then the two parties will confront each other with an unbroken front, ready to fight out the political issues on the stump throughout the country.

Situation in Constituencies

Taking the constituencies, as nearly in order as possible, the situation, as far as can be ascertained, follows:

Lillooet—No nominations have been made up to the present. It is altogether probable that A. Macdonald, who represented the district for the last three years, will again run in the interests of the Liberal-Conservatives.

West Yale—No nominations are reported up to the present. Stuart Henderson, the last representative, will be presented again by the Liberal party.

Similkameen—L. W. Shatford, the last member, will run for the Liberal-Conservatives. Opposing him will be Smith Curtis, who is well-known as one of the most prominent Liberals of the interior.

Okanagan—Price Ellison, the last member, has been nominated again to contest the riding for the Liberal-Conservative party party. Mr. Ellison has represented his district for years and is generally known as "the old war horse" of the district.

Chilliwhack—No nominations have been announced as yet on either side. It is conceded, however, that C. Munro, last year's member, will come out in the interests of the Liberals.

Delta—John Oliver, the member for the last term, has again been nominated by the Liberal party. Opposing him in the interests of the Liberal-Conservations, will be S. F. Mackenzie, a resident of high standing in the constituency.

New Westminster—Thos. Gifford, the last member, has been nominated by the Liberal-Conservatives. In opposition to him will run F. W. Howie, legal agent for the Dominion government.

Dewdney—Premier McBride received the nomination of the Liberal-Conservative party of this constituency the other day. His selection was accompanied by an enthusiastic demonstration. R. Jardine has been placed in the field to oppose him by the Liberals. Mr. Jardine is identified with the B. C. Mills Timber and Trading company.

Golden—H. G. Parsons, a prominent merchant, has been nominated by the Liberal-Conservative party of this constituency. No Liberal nominee has yet been placed in the field.

Cranbrook—J. A. Harvey, a barrister, has been advanced in the interests of the Liberal-Conservatives. The name of the Liberal candidate has not been announced.

Fernie—Neither side has nominated a candidate here up to the present.

Nelson—Dr. Hall has been placed in the field by the Liberals, but no Liberal-Conservative candidate has been selected. The names of R. L. Lennie, Dr. Rose, and W. A. Macdonald, K. C., all prominent and strong men in the constituency, are mentioned in this connection.

Slocan—A. B. Dockstader, an insurance agent and one little known to British Columbia politicians, being a comparative stranger, has been chosen by the Liberal party. The Liberal-Conservatives have not yet made their selection.

Ymir—Neither side have chosen a candidate as far as known.

Kaslo—No candidates have yet taken the field. C. W. McAnn, K. C., is mentioned as a likely candidate in the interests of the Liberal-Conservatives.

Revelstoke—No nominations have been made by either party.

Rossland—No nominations are announced by either party. It is altogether likely, however, that J. A. Macdonald, K. C., the leader of the Liberal party, will be found in the field again.

Greenwood—No nominations have been made as yet. It is probable that the Socialists, as well as the Liberal-Conservatives and the Liberals, will be represented in the struggle for honors in this constituency during the forthcoming campaign.

Grand Forks—No nominations have been announced yet. George A. Fraser, the last member, who sat on the government side of the house has gone into business in Victoria and announces that he will not be a candidate again.

Cariboo—No nominations have yet been made by either party.

Kamloops—Although no nominations have yet been made by the Liberal-Conservative party it is understood that Hon. F. J. Fulton, the provincial secretary, will be placed in the field. Opposing him in the Liberal interests will be J. D. Swanson, a barrister practicing in that district.

Vancouver—No nominations have yet been made. Of the present representatives of that city it is expected that all the late Liberal-Conservative members, with the possible exception of C. Wilson, K. C., will again be placed in nomination.

Skeena—There have been no nominations as yet. C. W. D. Clifford, the last member, is at present away upon a visit to the Old Country. On that account it is not known who will be presented in the Liberal-Conservative interests.

Victoria—Nothing has been done by either party.

The Islands—A. E. McPhillips, K. C. has been nominated by the Liberal-Conservative party. Opposing him, it is understood, will be the last member, T. W. Paterson.

South Saanich—D. M. Eberts, K. C., has been selected by the Liberal-Conservative party of this constituency. Mr. Eberts is well known, not only in the district mentioned, but in Victoria. Last year he was defeated by a narrow majority, H. Tanner, the Liberal candidate, being returned. It is expected that Mr. Tanner will again be nominated by the Liberals.

Esquimalt—John Jardine has been advanced by the Liberal party of the constituency. The Liberal-Conservative convention has not yet been held.

Cowichan—W. H. Hayward is the Liberal-Conservative candidate mentioned. Opposing him in the Liberal interests will be the last member, J. N. Evans.

Comox—Robert Grant has been selected as the standard bearer of the Liberal-Conservatives in this constituency.

Alberni—W. Manson has received the nomination of the Liberal-Conservative party of the district while the Liberals have placed R. Brewster in the field.

Coughs
Ask your doctor his experience with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in hard colds, hard coughs, bronchitis, weak throats, weak lungs. Then profit by it. If he has anything better, use that. If he says Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is all right, then use that. Get the best there is, always, for the best is none too good. Keep in mind this—"Sold for over 60 years!"
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GERMANICUS WHISTLE WAKED JAMES BAY

For Two Hours Noisy Blasts Were Blown to Call Pilot to Tramp Steamer

Residents of James Bay complain that on Sunday morning from 2:30 to 4:30, a Norwegian steamer, the Germanicus, lying off the outer wharf, and with a coarse, full-blasted whistle of no mean strength, tooted and moaned wtih short intervals. Blue lights were burned also. Those living at or near the Dallas road were awakened, and the mejority wondered whether the lifeboat should not be made ready. Others suggested a lynching bee for the man who pulled the whistle cord until his arm must have tired.

It seems the Scandinavian master of the tramp wanted a pilot. It is usual when the Nanaimo pilots are in demand for the masters or agents to telegraph the time their vessel is expected, and the pilot is in waiting out in the Roads in a small boat.

The Germanicus came from Eureka with lumber without any such preliminary, and this was why the din arose in the early morning. The steamer went on to Comox for bunker coal.

HATHOR DUE TOMORROW.

Kosmos Liner Which Saved Steamer Beacon Gange.

Steamer Hathor, of the Kosmos line, is to come to Victoria tomorrow morning to load a large shipment of lumber being forwarded to Salina Cruz, Mexico, by the Sayward mills. The Hathor, now on her way from San Francisco, comes from Hamburg via South American ports, and while in the Atlantic last September on her way here, the German steamer saved the British steamer Beacon Grange from being burned at sea. A cloud of smoke, lightened by the glare of fire, attracted the attention of the Hathor's lookout late in the afternoon of September 9. The Hathor's course was changed, and in an hour or so she was alongside the Beacon Grange, which apparently was doomed to destruction by the flames, which seemed completely to envelop her.

The passengers of the Beacon Grange were in lifeboats, which lay under the lee of the burning steamer, whose crew had about given up the fight. Reinforced by assistance sent from the Hathor, however, the tide of battle turned and late that night the Beacon Grange was out of danger as far as the fire was concerned.

The Beacon Grange was a big steamer, bound from Buenos Ayres, with frozen meat and fifteen cabin passengers for London. The fire had followed an explosion in the engine room, and when the flames had been extinguished it was found that the enignes were in bad shape. The Hathor stood by for twenty-four hours. When the ships parted company the Beacon Grange's engines had been temporarily repaired and under her own steam the fire-scarred steamer proceeded to Bahia. As the fire had destroyed the passengers' quarters, the Hathor carried the Beacon Grange's passengers to Montevideo.

NEW SAN FRANCISCO LINER.

Steamer President Will Be Launched on Saturday.

Steamer President, a vessel being built at Camden, N. J., for the P. C. S.S. Co.'s Seattle-Victoria and San Francisco route, will be launched next Saturday. The trial trip will take place in February, and the vessel will be turned over by the builders in March. She is expected to arrive here in May. Capt. Rinder, who recently resigned command of the steamer Minnesota following a disagreement with John Robinson, purser, and who was given the position of assistant superintendent of the P. C. S.S. Co. in the meantime, will assume command of the President. He will go to Camden to bring the steamer to this coast. Steamer Governor, a sister vessel, will be launched three months hence.

The two steamers will be the largest and most modern in the coastwise trade. They will be 416 feet 9 inches over all, 48 feet deep in breadth, have a depth of 29 feet 2 inches, and are expected to overage 15 1-5 knots an hour. A crew of 107 men will be carried on each.

There are to be 98 staterooms in the new vessels and accommodations will be provided for 295 first class passengers. The company is building suites de luxe, much after the style of the suites on the Hill liners. The second cabin will have accommodations for 108 men and 36 women.

OF INTEREST TO MOTHERS.

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In cases of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by all druggists.

THE GYMERIC HERE.

The British steamer Gymeric of Andrew Weir & Co. reached port yesterday, 21 days from Callao, in ballast for Comox. The Gymeric, which was on time charter, has been withdrawn by the firm, and with a number of other steamers owned by Andrew Weir & Co. is to be used in a steamship service to be established at once between Puget Sound and Vladivostok and North China ports. This trade, in which the Boston Tugboat Company's steamers Lyra, Pleiades and Hyades with the addition of an occasional tramp, have been used for some time past, is growing rapidly, and Andrew Weir & Co. have decided to establish a regular freight line. It is understood Victoria will be included in the ports of call of the line, both inward and outward. Dodwell & Co. being the local agents. The steamers to be used are the Gymeric, 6200 tons; Suveric, 12,500 tons; Boveric, 7200 tons; Inveric, 7200 tons; Aymeric, 8200 tons, Quito, 5500 tons. The Gymeric will be the first steamer to sail, early in January; and the Suveric, now at San Francisco, will follow. The Boveric and Quito will sail in February From Seattle and Victoria the steamers will run to Hakodate, Vladivostok, Dalny, Chifu, Newchwang and Taku Bar, which is the port for Tientsin and Pekin. Calls will also be made at Korean ports when business offers.

The stranded bark Peter Iredale, which drove ashore on October 25 on Clatsop Beach, near the Columbia River, has broken her back and will be a total loss. The after part is sinking in quicksand. The bark Galena, ashore near by, is in a bad position, but may be saved.

Angus Campbell & Co
AND THE ENTIRE STAFF AT THE LADIES' STORE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL
A Right Happy Christmas

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN

WHEELER—At Victoria, December 24th, the wife of Herbert Wheeler, White Horse, Y. T., a daughter.

DIED

PARCELL—At St. Joseph's Hospital on the 24th inst, Agnes, beloved wife of David Parcell, aged 45 years, and a native of Peterboro, Ont.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday at 2 p. m., from the residence of her sister, No. 4 Clarence street.

Friends please accept this intimation.

New Advertisements

(Too Late for Classification)

WANTED IMMEDIATELY — Competent housekeeper. Apply 17 Queen's avenue. d23

LOST—Probably near Beacon Hill, silver cigarette case, ribbed. Please return to Box 703 Colonist. d23

FOR SALE—6 books entitled "All About Yourself," "Power is Thought," "Love is Power," "Woman's Secret Powers," "How to Rule Your Kingdom," "Useful Practice." These retail for $1.50. To introduce the remarkable series will send postpaid for 35c. A. J. Clunk, Victoria West P. O., Victoria. d23

WANTED—Two primary teachers for the Fernie Public School, for the terms commencing January seventh. Salary $65 per month. J. W. Nunn, Secretary School Board, Fernie, B. C. d23

SITUATION WANTED—By Japanese man and wife at house work. P. O. Box 388. d24

FOR SALE—Four cows (three fresh.) Separator, three sows, hay, etc. 704 Colonist. d24

FOR SALE—Bay mare, 8 years old; sound, very free goer, ride or drive; quiet in all traffic, together with modern buggy, rubber tyred, in good order, and set of harness, new in August last. Owner going abroad. Apply Box 697, Colonist. d24

WANTED—Teacher for Sidney School; salary $60.00 Applications received up to 5th January. Duties to commence not later than 30 days after appointment. J. J. White, Secy. of Board. d24

GOOD WILL and entire stock of clothing business situated on one of the best business streets of Victoria. A good buy at $1400. Apply at the premises, 47 Johnson street. d24

LOST—Scotch collie dog, black and tan, white on neck. Reward on return to 358 Douglas street. d24

LOST—A gold chain bracelet. Return to 189 Upper Pandora street, and receive reward. d24

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Respectfully yours,
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Municipal Campaign.—The Victoria Ministerial association, as a body, will take no part in the coming civic elections. The individual members of the society may become more or less interested in the contest for the mayoralty, but it is not regarded as likely that the association will declare itself officially either for one or other of the candidates. "The association will not hold a meeting until the first of January," said Rev. Hermon A. Carson, pastor of First Congregational church, and secretary of the association, yesterday. "Until then, of course, I cannot say officially what course the association will decide to pursue; but from the expressions of opinion by various of the ministers, I regard it as very improbable that any concerted action will be taken by the ministers in the campaign."

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MIDNIGHT MASS.

Impressive Ceremonies at St. Andrew's (R. C.) Cathedral.

With all pomp and ceremony the birth of another Christmas Day was ushered in at St. Andrew's cathedral last evening. High mass was celebrated pontificially by Archbishop Orth, with all due magnificence. The music was superb, and altogether the ceremony was a most imposing one.

The mass was chanted by Rev. Father Fisser, assisted by Rev. Father Van Nevel. The celebrating priests were clad in all the gorgeous garments that the Church of Rome prescribes for the high mass, while Archbishop Orth, seated on the pontifical throne, wore the glittering cope on his brow, and carried in his hand the crozier, the symbol of his office. On entering and leaving the church he was preceded by choir boys and novices, and before him was borne a great bronze cross.

Nothing was lacking to make the celebrating of the mass as imposing as is possible. The archbishop, accompanied by the officiating priests and choir boys, advanced to the altar to the strains of "Christ Is Risen," by Louis Dressler, played by the organ, and a splendid orchestra of eight pieces. Throughout the whole of the service the music was magnificent, and not for a moment was the feeling of exaltation evoked by the splendor of the service allowed a chance to die out in the breasts of the congregation.

In lieu of a sermon, Archbishop Orth addressed a few words to the congregation. "We are congregated," said his grace, "to celebrate the happiest, sweetest, most beautiful event that the earth ever experienced, the birth of our Savior, who came to redeem mankind, to redeem us, that we might be saved and inherit the home prepared for us in the world above."

His grace spoke touchingly of the significance of Christmas, and dealt at some length with the doctrine of the atonement.

Marzo's mass was sung by the choir, and although it contains some extremely difficult and complicated passages, the singing was splendidly sustained throughout. The rendering of the Gloria was magnificent, the opening passages as played by S. Peele on the clarionet being especially inspiring. The Benedictus, too, was beautifully sung; while the Venite Adoremus, the closing hymn, so appealed to many of the congregation that, late though the hour was, they preferred to remain in the church and listen to the end rather than leave as soon as the benediction had been given.

Prof. Nagel presided at the organ. Music was also rendered by an orchestra of eight pieces—first violin, K. Berger; second violin, S. A. Bantly; 'cello, M. Foot; bass viol, H. Ball; clarinet, S. Peele; flute, A. Searle; cornet, W. V. North.

Miss Sehl was heard to advantage in soprano solos, especially distinguishing herself in the "Gloria"; while in the alto parts Miss M. Keefe showed perfect control of a remarkably pure voice. Mr. Griffiths sung the offertory "Noel" in splendid style. Others of the solo singers were Mr. Oliver and J. G. Brown, who took the bass parts, and E. White, who sung a beautiful tenor.

The orchestra was conducted by F. J. Sehl. It was Mr. Sehl who arranged the musical part of the service and on whom the greater part of the credit for its great success rests.

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The Doll Raffle.—The drawing for the doll at Mrs. Bickford's Saturday evening resulted as follows: "First, 185; second, 757; third, 73.

Lecturer Coming.—Professor Walter Thomas Mills, of the School of Economics of Chicago, is to be here on Friday next, at A. O. U. W. hall.

Civil Service Exams.—Word has been received from Ottawa to the effect that James Parfitt passed the qualifying civil service examination at Victoria.

Arrived Safely.—A cable from Rev. E. Wallace, one of the party of missionaries who left here on Nov. 27 on the Empress of China, dated Shanghai, Saturday, said: "Whole party arrived safely."

Christmas Strawberries. — W. H. Burkholder, who resides at the corner of Queen and Cook streets, yesterday exhibited a cluster of strawberries plucked in his garden. The berries are well formed and matured—an eloquent testimonial to the mildness of the climate of Victoria.

Died at Hospital.—Mrs. David Parcell, of Swan Lake, died last evening at St. Joseph's hospital. Deceased was 75 years of age and a native of Peterboro, Ontario. She leaves, besides her husband and sister, one child to mourn her sudden demise. The body will remain at the parlors of W. J. Hanna until Wednesday morning, the funeral taking place at 2 o'clock from the residence of her sister, No. 4 Clarence street.

Real Estate Sales.—The real estate agents and investors alike have apparently closed their books for the Christmas holidays, as things were very quiet on the local market yesterday. Messrs. Matson & Coles report the following sales for last week: House and lot on Arcadia street, $4,000; house and lot on Carr street, $4,000; two lots on Douglas street, $2,000; 25 acres on Cedar Hill road, $8,000; on West Saanich road 30 acres, $8,000; 2 lots on Head street, $700 each; a lot on Harbon, $10,000; house and lot on Boyd street, $2,000; house and lot on Superior street, $4,000; house and lot on Craigflower road, $4,000; a lot on Yates street, $10,000.

G. T. P. Surveys.—Another party of Grand Trunk Pacific surveyors left for Prince Rupert on the steamer Tees. The members of the party were: M. A. Burbank, F. M. Davis, H. E. Beatty, G. M. Osborne, W. H. Toby. They are only the first of several additional parties that are to be sent out to Prince Rupert in the near future. Before leaving the members of the party stated that all the available surveyors in the company's employ in the Northwest have been ordered to prepare for removal to the northern terminus of the railway. Another party is expected to reach the coast in a day or two from Edmonton. They will go direct to Prince Rupert and will be engaged there during the winter months.

Debentures Missing.—The Colonist has been asked to publish the following: "Twenty-nine debentures of the town of East Toronto, each for $357.78, payable Dec. 1, 1907, to 1935, and numbered 2 to 30, inclusive, were either lost or stolen near the corner of King and Yonge streets, Toronto, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 14. Mr. Geo. G. Reid, secretary of the Canadian Securities, Limited, 18 Toronto street, Toronto, obtained the certificates at the office of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, and missed them before he reached the office of Messrs. Osborne & Francis, stock brokers, in the Mail and Empire building. The present value of the securities is $5,417, and payment has been stopped by the municipality of the town of East Toronto."

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A Presentation.—The employees of The George Carter Co., Ltd., yesterday presented the managing director, George Carter, with an umbrella with gold-mounted handle, accompanied with their best wishes.

Season's Greetings.—Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, yesterday issued the following order: "Col. J. G. Holmes, D.O.C., M.D. II., wishes all members of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, in which the officer commanding the Fifth Regiment heartily joins."

Christmas Gathering.—Harmony hall mission Sunday school will hold its Christmas gathering on Thursday, the 27th, at 7:30 p. m. The programme will include duets by Mr. and Mrs. Brace, addresses by Mr. Brace and Rev. G. W. Dean. All who are interested are given a warm invitation to be present.

Sanitorium Fund.—Following are additional subscriptions to the fund for the proposed sanitorium for consumptives: Robt. Porter & Sons, $100; L. Goodacre, $50; Archbishop Orth, $50; entertainment at Roccabella, per Mrs. Tuck, $77.10; Cedar Hill contribution, $20; Mr. Galletly, $25; Mrs. Galletly, $25; B. Heisterman, $25; Reformed Episcopal church, per Rev. Gladstone, $18.85; J. H. Lawson, $5; W. H. Langley, $25; J. R. Woolridge, $5; Frank Davie, $5; J. H. Solly, $5; N. A. Clark, $2; A. McSweeney, $1; Doctor's Widow, $12; cash, $5; E. C. Moore, $5.

Canadian Courier.—The Canadian Courier has acquired the subscription list and all other rights pertaining to Wild Life from the Wild Life Publishing company, of this city. Subscribers to the latter journal will receive The Courier for half the term of their unexpired subscription, thus giving them the same value. The editor of Wild Life will act as special agent for The Courier to receive subscriptions or transact any other business for them. The new weekly journal is on sale at all bookstores. It is ably edited by John A. Cooper, late editor of the Canadian Magazine, is beautifully illustrated, and deals with purely Canadian subjects.

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A London (Eng.) correspondent writes: "In view of the requirements of the Canadian government, the army council has decided to allow 150 men to be obtained in this country for enlistment into the garrison artillery branch of the permanent forces of Canada, and commanders of coast defences have been instructed to submit the names of any volunteers from the Royal Garrison Artillery serving under their command. The conditions of service, pay and so forth are as follows: Suitable men to be enlisted as privates, to serve in the Royal Canadian Regiment—or any other permanent corps in which there are vacancies—for a term of three years, with powers to re-engage up to 21 years for pension. Men must be medically fit, unmarried and of at least fair character. They should be trained soldiers, between 19 and 25 years of age, with not more than six years' previous service. Pay on enlistment, 50 cents a day; after three years' service, 60 cents a day; after six years' service, 75 cents a day. Non-commissioned officers and men to receive a full outfit of Canadian clothing and necessaries on arrival at Halifax, N. S., and to receive Canadian pay and allowances from the Canadian government from date of embarkation. Men volunteering will be paid up to, and be granted a free discharge from, date of embarkation, and their enlistment for the Canadian forces will date from the following day. They will probably be required to embark about January 1 next."

Mr. Frank Barnsley, proprietor of the Arcade, 111 Douglas street wishes to thank the public of Victoria for their very liberal patronage at the Arcade opening Saturday last and at the same time to state that the cause of some of the machines being temporarily out of order, was not due to any fault of machines 'which are the very latest" but to the fact of some boys putting in slugs buttons, cardboard etc. and such like, this wilful mischief caused patrons much annoyance, and much unnecessary work to myself and three assistants. Boys detected in the future will be punished, as the machines are put out of action and do not benefit the culprits, as machines will only operate with the proper one cent coins which are supplied by the cashier at the Arcade.

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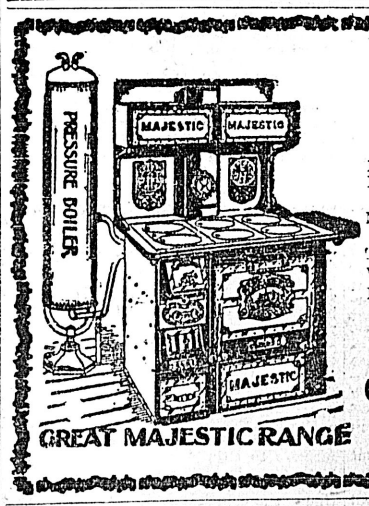

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Their teacher had told them many stories of Christmas and Santa Claus, the generous and genial friend of children. To these they had listened with a tense earnestness and an unquestioning belief which had roused in the narrator a remembrance of her younger days and the exquisite pleasure she had derived from listening to these same time-honored tales of the season.

Now the little tots, clad in their best garments, rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes adding to their altogether charming appearance, were on their way, hand in hand, to attend the closing exercises. To them it was a day of days, for they were about to realize what they had been preparing for and joyously anticipating for weeks. The day before they had seen the tree, beautiful even without adornment, placed in a corner of the class room. With the other girls and boys of the school they had left confident that the Santa Claus, of whom so much had been heard, would make a call during the night, when all the world was wrapped in the deepest slumber, and leave for them some evidence of his good will.

Under the circumstances who can wonder at the nervous excitement of these little girls? As they neared their destination they cuddled closer to one another so that each heard the rapid palpitation of the others' heart and thereupon a feeling of closer kinship was engendered which emboldened them to approach closer. All was the same as usual. There was Miss Penwill and gathered about her a noisy, eager throng of children ranging from three to six years of age. The thought that it was safe to enter the yard, that Santa Claus must have come and gone, entered the minds of both at the same moment and they rushed into the protecting arms of their pedagogic guardian.

Both Margaret and Mabel were shy maidens. They silently acknowledged the greetings of parents in attendance and then retired to the background and, fingers in their mouths, tremulously awaited developments.

"Oh" was the general exclamation of the awe-struck little ones as they filed into the room. Before them was a veritable picture of loveliness. The tree, which they had seen brought in bare of adornment the day before, was now ablaze with lighted candles which glowed in the artificial darkness of the room. Peeping cunningly from the midst of the heavy green foliage were gifts, in such variety as to defy description or an attempt at enumeration.

Margaret's eyes bulged but her admiration was silent and remarkably self-contained. As for Mabel she tiptoed around the tree and, after taking stock of the many evidences of the benevolence of Santa Claus remarked enthusiastically, "but he is a good fellow."

Then the commanding voice of the teacher broke through the babel and the children obediently took their seats and went through the exercises which had been taught them, a small gathering of adults receiving the benefit of the exceedingly pretty little entertainment.

One of the choruses which they sung, and to which Margaret and Mabel contributed with a whole-hearted sincerity which was truly touching, follows:

Jolly old Santa is coming some night,
When little children are tucked out of sight,
Hang up the stockings then jump into bed
Pull the big coverlid over your head.

Give a good cheer
Soon he'll be here
Merry Old, Cheery Old
Santa Claus dear.

Santa has reindeer with tiniest hoofs
Dancing and prancing on numberless roofs
They stop at the chimney with jingle of bells
This is the story their merry song tells.

Chorus—
Give a good cheer—etc.

Down with a scramble old Santa Claus goes,
Fills all the stockings right up from the toes
He chuckles to think of the pleasure in store
For girls and for boys and perhaps for some more.

Chorus—
Give a good cheer—etc.

Back to the sleigh with a much lighter pack
Off with a rush while the icicles crack
But whether he lives far away or quite near
Perhaps you'll know in a day and a year.

Chorus—
Give a good cheer—etc.

"I see a boat" exclaimed Margaret, unable to restrain the emotions which were surging within her longer than a minute after the above quoted selection. "And I can see a doll," added Mabel, pointing a little finger in the direction of the tree with its flickering illuminations. Then the others took up the chorus and the voluble excitement was rising higher and higher when a florid face, in which was set two merry blue eyes, looked through the door-way. The noise was hushed into a silence almost appalling as Santa Claus himself strode in. As he walked towards the corner, his long white whiskers flowing behind him, the children's timidity began to disappear Said Margaret to Mabel, "He won't hurt us. He's Santa Claus and Santa Claus loves little girls and we love him, don't we?" Mabel acknowledged the force of the argument by a wise nod of the head.

A deep but pleasant voice then was heard from the neighborhood of the tree. It pronounced the name of one of the members of the class quite distinctly and the child indicated rose trembling to her feet and received a present. Soon Margaret's turn came and she went forward boldly taking the present and receiving, in addition, a kindly pat on the head. She came back cooing to just the sweetest doll imaginable. Then Mabel underwent the same ordeal with like fortitude afterwards confiding that she "liked Santa Claus and didn't see why others should be so frightened."

When Margaret and Mabel went home, their hearts glowing with pleasure, they confided the day's story to their father and mother expressing the hope that "dear old Santa Claus" would prove as gentle on Christmas day, even though he had so many homes to visit, as he was to those who went to school. And then, before going to bed, they intoned a Christmas carol, the sweet childlike notes penetrating to the very souls of their hearers. It follows:

Once unto the Shepherds
seated on the ground
Came a heavenly vision
Glory shone around
And the shepherds listened
Heard the Angels song
"Christ is come to save you
Christ is born today."

Go ye to the manger
Lighted by a star
Hear the joyful message
Spread the news afar
Listen to the anthem
What the angels sing
"Christ is born among you
Christ our heavenly King."

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PASSING OF OLD TRUTCH HOMESTEAD

Beautiful Type of Pioneer Residence Must Make Way for Progress

'Tis good bye to the estate where broom was first planted in Victoria. One by one the family demesnes—the scene of old time gaieties—are being swept away by the growth of the city and now the historic Trutch homestead is being divided up before the march of commercialism.

The old house will, however, be spared together with the grounds surrounding it. To those who prize relics of past days this will be good news. Not only this, but after over forty years of rest the residence has passed practically unscathed from the hand of time. Its outside plaster is as strong as ever, and even some of the original fixtures remain. There is a touch of old world quaintness about the interior. Every room has its outlet by long glazed windows flush with the ground. On the first floor they lead to the main veranda, on the upper one each has its small wood battlemented balcony before it. The library, with its bookshelves in alcoves on either side of the open fire place; the drawing room with its hand worked ornamental plastering and old-grained marble mantel piece, recall the many festivities held in the old mansion when crinolined belles stepped gracefully through quadrilles and minuets but abhorred that new-fangled invention the waltz.

Recall Other Days

There is a curious spiral staircase leading to the sleeping chambers. Spindle like banisters and balustrade of hand-carved mohogany, again recall old times. On one or two of the doors the old locks still do service, their silver-mounted fittings and cut glass knobs showing signs of half a century of wear, but yet as useful as originally. Ivy has forced up a window in the rear and grows luxuriantly inside one of the bedrooms, but the conscientious craftsmanship of workmen long since dead shows in the admirable condition of the casings.

The long broom-bordered drive is a blaze of golden glory in spring, yet very little attempt has been made to improve on the glories of the natural vegetation. Fine old oaks, ancient beeches and straight upstanding firs tell of the many years they have remained undisturbed and some of them are covered with the all-embracing ivy to the heavy apex. The view from the house is a magnificent one. A panorama of sea and sky, of pastoral peace and a city's civilization is unfolded to the view, and wherever the eye rests some new beauty is revealed.

Of Historic Interest

Historic interest surrounds the old residence from the fact that it was the first official residence of the first Imperial governor of the colony of Vancouver Island, the dissatisfied London barrister, Kennedy. When he removed to Carey castle, on its purchase by the government, Sir Joseph Trutch, who built the house about 1860, occupied it. But, at confederation, the last named became the first lieutenant governor of the new province and Government House, as Carey castle had come to be known, was of necessity his official residence. Upon relinquishing this office, Sir Joseph Trutch returned to the homestead and resided there continuously until he left to make England his permanent place of residence. Many occupants have lived in the old house since then but with the departure of Sir Joseph Trutch historical interest in the old time residence ceased.

Considerable interest has been aroused as to the disposition of the house. It may be said, on the authority of the new owners, that neither it or the grounds will be disturbed. A new thoroughfare, Trutch street, will pass through the homestead immediately in front of the hedge that encloses the house grounds, but the subdivision made for sale contains no plan for cutting up this portion. The balance, however, will be placed on the market tomorrow as appears by an advertisement in another column.

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FIFTH REGIMENT.

Notice to Members Contained in Order Just Issued.

Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth regiment, C. A., has issued the following orders to take effect from date:

The following men, having qualified in the regimental school of instruction just concluded, will be issued certificates of qualification as under the first two named receiving the cash prizes offered by the officers' mess: For sergeants, No. 130, Corporal R. L. Strachan; No. 30, Gunner W. Irving, No. 31, Acting Bombardier B. G. Prior; No. 215, Corporal J. P. Wheeler.

For corporals, No. 105, Corporal A. Richardson; No. 174, Gunner C. W. Kinloch; No. 252, W. Thrall; No. 233, V. Williams; No. 11, W. H. P. Sweeney; No. 41, J. R. Staniforth.

For bombardiers, No. 277, Gunner S. L. Wilson; No. 138, W. C. Thompson; No. 203, W. S. Duncan.

The following men, having been unavoidably absent from the examination, will be given an opportunity to be examined next month; No. 54, Corporal T. A. Ross, and No. 151, Bombardier W. H. Spofford.

The regular drill season will commence on January 7th, the company's drill nights being as heretofore; No. 3 company on Mondays, No. 1 company on Tuesdays, No. 2 company on Wednesdays.

The following N. C. O.'s and men, having been granted their discharge, are struck off the strength of the regiment: No. 102, Company Quartermaster-sergeant C. E. Lawson; No. 128, Sergeant J. A. Anderton; No. 142, Gunner R. B. King; No. 121, Bombardier H. W. Sharpe; No. 143,, Trumpeter John Lind; No. 175, Gunner A. Margison; No. 108, Gunner J. T. Croot; No. 144, Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 197, Gunner K. O. Morrison, December 6th, 1906.

Under authority of district order No. 19, of Dec. 18, 1906, the drill hall will be closed from Dec. 25, 1906, to Jan. 1, 1907 inclusive.

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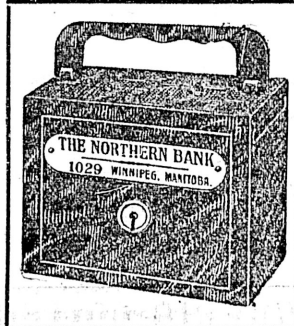

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JAPANESE ARE TO REGULATE SEALING

Restrictions to Be Made Because of Growth of Industry—The Pribyloff Incident

News was brought by the steamer Athenian, which arrived yesterday from Yokohama, that the Japanese report made by Mr. Hanihara, secretary of the legation at Washington, regarding the killing of Japanese sealers on the Pribyloff Islands, had been made public. It found that "both sides were to blame." A meeting was held at Tokio shortly before the steamer sailed, at which it was announced that protective measures would soon be undertaken to regulate the Japanese pelagic sealing industry. Mr. Kamiyama, director of one of the most prominent sealing companies of Japan, in a speech stated that until a dozen or so years ago sealing in Japanese waters was almost entirely in the hands of foreign sealers, who used to come in large numbers. Since the adoption of the deep sea-fishing encouragement law, Japanese sealing vessels had increased in number year after year, and foreign sealers were now entirely cleared from Japanese waters. On the contrary, Japanese fishing boats were becoming quite numerous in Russian and American waters. There were now in Japan over thirty deep sea fishing boats, their crews numbering altogether over 700, and the seal and otter skins obtained by them exceeded 10,000 per annum. The growth of the industry in such a prosperous state was a cause for much congratulation for the nation, and it was a result to which those present had very largely contributed. Such an advantage could not be without evil, and the government felt the necessity of certain measures being taken for the control of the industry, which it was considered should not be left in its present state. In the first place, the preservation of seals, etc., became necessary. The increase in the number of fishing boats showed a tendency towards irregular hunting. Breeding resorts about the Kuriles were laid waste by foreign sealers, and new sealing resorts were added to the dominion of Japan as the result of the Russo-Japanese war. These facts would make the adoption of measures for the preservation of the seals all the more necessary.

Captain J. E. Lennan of the United States lighthouse tender Heather is reported to have fallen from his vessel at Juneau and been drowned.

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AUCTIONEER ARRESTED WHEN LEAVING CITY

N. Braunstein Is Charged With Obtained Money Under False Pretences

N. Braunstein, who conducted an auctioneer's room on Yates street until the day following an alleged robbery of 47 gold-filled watches and two suits of clothing, was arrested yesterday by Detective Perdue as he was about to leave with his wife and children by the steamer Indianapolis, and is held, charged with obtaining goods valued at $94 by false pretences from G. Kircheimer. Following the arrest, Mrs. Braunstein paid the amount involved to a local merchant, and it is probable that the chief witnesses will not be at hand to prosecute when the case is called. Since the robbery was reported at the Yates street auction room the police have been doubtful whether the alleged crime was committed.

H. Wilson, a tall man from Nanaimo, measuring 6 feet 2 inches, was detained by the city police on arrival on Sunday in company with Olive Story, a 15-year-old girl with whom he had eloped from the Coal City. After the couple left Nanaimo, where Wilson had coaxed the girl to join him in flight with the stated purpose of being married on arrival at Seattle, J. Story, the girl's father, telegraphed to the Victoria police asking that the couple be held. Officers met the train and the two were taken to the lock-up and held, pending the arrival of Story yesterday at noon. He took his daughter back, and she, amid tears, spoke of her willingness to return. To Wilson, who stood by, the old coal miner spoke with warmth, intimating plainly that if he approached the girl again he would take the law into his own hands. Father and daughter returned to Nanaimo yesterday afternoon.

A Japanese who runs the Klondike restaurant on Johnson street has been summoned to appear in the police court on Friday, charged with assault, on information sworn to by Martin Quinn. It seems Quinn went to the restaurant and ate; he had a hearty meal and then ordered pie. The Japanese informed him when he went to pay his 15 cents that the pie cost an extra nickel. He refused to pay, whereupon several of the brown men sprang upon him and did punch, beat and assault him, contrary to the peace and dignity of His Majesty.

Stella Barrett, charged with vagrancy, was brought to the police court yesterday morning, having been arrested for failing to answer the summons issued. She pleaded not guilty and the case was remanded until tomorrow; the lapse being given with an intimation that it were better that she move to pastures new.

Peter Fraser, a Saanich Indian, had a Christmas present of a bottle of Holland gin given him by another Indian, and a police constable found him with the goods on him. He was convicted in the police court yesterday and fined $27, with the option of a month's imprisonment. He went to jail. Two drunks were also before the magistrate; one pleaded not guilty and was remanded, and the other, an old offender, was fined $6.

Alex. Ross has been summoned for failure to support his wife, his case being set for Thursday morning.

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TELLS OF THE FINEST EXHIBIT IN LONDON

Agent-General Turner Writes an Interesting Letter to Hon. R. G. Tatlow

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, has received the following explanatory letter, dated December 5th, from Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia in London:

Dear Mr. Tatlow,—Your letters of the 27th and 29th October and 1st ultimo received. The Colonial Fruit Show opened yesterday. British Columbia has a magnificent show and has taken nine or ten medals, but I have not yet got full particulars. As a general show it was not successful. Canada was not represented except by British Columbia and Nova Scotia. It is a great disappointment to the Royal Horticultural Society, as the show was put to this late date expressly to suit Eastern Canada, on representations made to the secretary, Rev. M. Wills. Nova Scotia had some very fine fruit and there was a very fine lot of English grown apples shown by Bunyard the great tree growers. They were, I think, equal to British Columbia fruit, but no doubt were grown under special conditions and extra care that can be given by nurserymen, whilst British Columbia fruit, I judge, represents partially the ordinary conditions of growth in the province. At any rate our fruit has caused increased interest and decided many more to try the province. I have had three parties of three and four persons each, in this morning who have now settled to go out before April next, and came to enquire about shipping their household effects.

Lord Strathcona came into the show about 6 p. m., and I took him round. He was really astonished and delighted with the exhibit, and seemed much interested in it, and it is now certain that some ten or twelve families will, now they realize what the country can do, and what sort of a climate it must have to produce such beautiful crops believing the next few months, and all with capital, and many more may be influenced the same way. The show next week as Islington, coming after the result of this one, will have still greater effect, I anticipate.

Last night we had at the refreshment room of the Royal Horticultural Society a gathering of British Columbians: Mr. M. Croasdaile, Mr. McInnes, formerly of Esquimalt; Mrs. Boscowitz, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones and daughters, and many others with English friends. Lady Evelyn Cecil, niece of the late Lord Salisbury, Lady Ancaster, and others, with friends, also carefully inspected the fruit, saying they had many friends who thought of going out.

I have a lot of letters to write today and then go to the s[illegible]

(Sgd.) J. H. TURNER.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A GRIEVANCE.

Sir,—I can gather from recent writings in the Colonist that at this season especialy we should try and live in harmony with each other and complain as little as possible. But in this instance I very much regret I am compelled to trouble you, as my complaint is urgent, and by having it published in your columns, a certain class of persons may be induced to form good resolutions for the incoming year of 1907, and not allow their flow of animal spirits to be a vehicle for insult to ladies on the public street.

Some days ago an elderly lady of my acquaintance was walking along past Hibben's store where, on the sidewalk, two females (in outward appearance ladies) stood in animated conversation with a man. Well, he was dressed as one, anyway. When my friend went by, within two yards of this trio, one of the females called out to her companion, "Look! look! look"! and "the man," not to be outdone in "fastness," called out after her "a-hem—a-hem," in a grossly offensive manner.

There was really no excuse for such "back woods" vulgarity, beyond the fact the lady was quietly dressed, although not in accordance with the brand-new elegance of this fastidious trio and "old enough to be their mother," to use her own words. This being the case there is no redress for this lady, and for sundry others who were similarly insulted by them on that day, but an appeal to you for protection. My friend declines to divulge the names of these persons (which she has since found out), as she is well aware that any one of her male friends, if present that day, would have knocked "the man's" hat off, as a preliminary to further marks of their displeasure for his uncouth impertinence.

My friend has requested me to write this letter to you, as she has never before been insulted, although she has visited nearly all the great cities in the world.

Under all the circumstances, and for the credit of Victoria, my friend asks you to publish this protest, which she believes will have a deterrent effect in future in the public street.

R. L.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE.

December, 1906.

(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
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The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

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New York, Dec. 24.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
A. T. & S. F.	101	101¼	100¼	100⅜
do pfd	100¾	100¾	100¼	100¼
B. & O.	118¼	118¾	118⅛	118¼
do pfd	92	92	92	92
B. R. T.	79⅜	79⅜	78¼	78⅜
C. & G. W.	17½	17½	17¼	17¼
C. & O.	55½	55⅝	54¾	55
C. M. & St. P.	149	149¾	147⅝	148¼
do rights	32½	33½	33	33
C. T. & T.	9	9	9	9
do pfd	22	22	22	22
C. P. R.	193½	193½	191½	192⅜
D. & R. G.	41½	41¾	40½	41
Erie	42¼	42¼	41⅞	42
L. & N.	142¾	142¾	141¾	142
M. K. & T.	40¾	41	40¼	40½
Mo. Pac.	92⅝	93	91½	92⅞
N. Y. Cen.	128½	128¾	128	128½
N. & W.	90	90	89½	89½
do pfd	89	89	88½	88½
O. & W.	47	47	46¼	46¾
Pa. Ry.	136¼	136⅝	135¾	136¼
Reading	133⅛	133⅛	129	130½
do 1st pfd	88	88	87	87¼
R. I. Ctfs.	29¼	29½	29	29¼
do pfd	64½	64½	63¾	64
S. P.	91½	91½	90½	91
do pfd	119½	119½	119¼	119¼
S. R.	32½	32⅛	32⅛	32¼
U. P.	179	179	177½	178¼
do pfd	92½	92½	92	92
Wabash	19	19	18¾	18¾
do pfd	40	40	38¾	38¾
Amal. Copper	111½	112¾	111⅛	112¼
Amn. Cot. Oil	31½	31½	31	31
Amn. Loco.	71½	71⅝	71¼	71½
Amn. Lin. Oil	16½	16½	16	16
do pfd	35	35	35	35
Amn. Car. & F.	42	42	41½	41½
Amn. H. & L.	28½	28½	28¼	28¼
Amn. Smelting	149	149¼	147⅝	149⅛
Amn. Sugar	132	132	130¾	131
C. F. & I.	54	54	51½	52¼
Gen. Leather	34¼	34¼	34	34
Int. Paper	17¾	17¾	17½	17½
People's Gas	97½	97½	96½	96⅞
Ry. Steel Spg.	52½	52½	52	52
U. S. Steel	47⅛	47⅛	46½	46¾
do pfd	103½	103⅝	102⅝	103¼
West. Union	85	85	85	85

Total sales, 888,900 shares.

Money on call, 3 to 8½ per cent; ruling rate, 8 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent.

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Dated at Spokane, Washington, December 12, 1906.

W. G. GRAVES,
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CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
Dec.	74¼	74¼	74	74¼
May	77⅝	77⅞	77½	77⅞
July	77	77¼	77	77¼
Corn No. 2—				
May	43¼	43⅜	43⅛	43¼
July	43¼	43⅞	43⅜	43¾
Oats No. 2—				
May	35½	35⅞	35¾	35⅞
July	33⅛	33½	33⅛	33½
Pork—				
Jan.	16.27	16.37	16.22	16.35
May	16.75	16.90	16.70	16.85

By the beginning of summer two large tow boats, now building at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company of Camden, N. J., for the Shipowners and Merchants' Towboat Company of San Francisco, will be completed and will be brought around the Horn as soon thereafter as possible.

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THE STAGE.

At the Victoria Tonight

"Quincy Adams Sawyer" will be the bill at the Victoria theatre tonight. There is scarcely anyone in this broad land who has not by this time either heard of or read that "best New England story ever written," and observed the man driving down a country road to Mason's corner in a one-horse chaise. These same people are familiar with the words which have appeared everywhere beneath that picture, whether in the big posters on the billboards, or in the book stores, or in the columns of the newspapers—"The village gossips wondered who he was, what he was, what he came for, and how long he intended to stay." This announcement is to state that the "Quincy Adams Sawyer" of book fame, has now become the "Quincy Adams Sawyer" of play fame as well. That at least explains who he is and what he is. It is self-evident that what he comes for is to entertain the theatregoers.

The New Grand

There will be the usual matinee and night performances at the New Grand today. The new bill opened last night to packed houses. The best act is that of the Leffell trio of comedy acrobats, who use a novelty in the shape of a bounding table. Miss Sadie Rosenzweig is a nice violinist; Mr., Mrs. and Baby Millard have a good comedy musical act; Jay Bogert, black-lace artist, springs a bunch of old gags and songs; Geo. F. Keane, sings the illustrated song, "When the Mocking Birds Are Singing in the Wildwood," in splendid voice, and a good line of moving pictures illustrate "How the office boy saw the ball game."

Empress Theatre

"Through the Gates of Heaven," a dramatized version of the famous work, "Fabiola," was produced at the Empress theatre last evening by the capable company holding the house. It is the biggest thing the players have yet undertaken and they deserve great praise for the creditable manner in which they acquit themselves. The piece is a strong one and deals with the sufferings of the Christians in the days of old Rome. Its five acts make up as many beautiful tableauxs which are held together by an interesting story running through to a satisfactory consummation.

As Fabiola, Miss Knatvold played strongly and with a wealth of spirit and emotion. Her thorough sympathy with the action of the play and her fine interpretation leaves nothing to be desired and the gradual changing of her temperament as the play moves on, the birth of new thought and religion in her mind as the powerful influences of Christianity overcome her Paganism, are so well depicted that Fabiola must be accounted the best part she has yet created. Verne Layton, as Sebastian, and M. J. Hooley, as Favius, gave excellent exhibitions and praise must be extended to Miss Pinkie Mullally for her clever interpretation of the role of Syra. The play was staged in a fitting manner, the mechanical transformation scene of heaven being most realistic. The success which attended its initial production last evening will no doubt continue for the remainder of the week. There will be a special matinee today at 2:30 p. m.

Allen Doone in "Kerry Gow"

Allen Doone will make his appearance at the Victoria theatre next Thursday, December 27th. Mr. Doone, unlike many young actors striving for prominence, has wisely chosen a play with a reputation. He has behind him the good will of Joseph Murphy and the support of Mr. Murphy's admirable company, who together appear in that beautiful play "The Kerry Gow," with the necessary scenic equipment and careful attention to detail. The play will be seen in every particular as when produced by its former celebrated star. It has built up its splendid record solely because each succeeding year it endeared itself more and more to the theatre patrons. It is quaint, with a rugged pastoral atmosphere. It is simple and pure; not unlike a good sermon. Its characters are all natural studies and historically correct. There is a rich vein of humor and Irish wit and ludicrous situations throughout the entire action of the play.

Schumann-Heink

Mme. Schumann-Heink, the most famous contralto of two continents, who is booked to appear at the Victoria theatre on January 9, was born in a city near Prague, Bohemia. She was educated at the convent of the Ursuline Nuns, where her wonderful musical talents were soon discovered. Her first serious study of singing was made with Marietta von Le Chair in Graz, and so marked was her progress, that she was taken to Dresden to sing for the director of the Royal Opera, with the result that she was engaged for three years. Her debut was made when she was only seventeen in the part of Azucena in "Il Trovatore." It was a phenomenal success. In addition to the hazardous duties at the opera, Mme. Schumann-Heink found time to prepare herself for greater triumphs under Marie Krebs. After Dresden Mme. Schumann-Heink went to the Stadt theatre in Hamburg, where she remained for some years, at the conclusion of which engagement she was engaged as the leading contralto of the Royal Opera in Berlin. With this engagement the musical world began to hear of her new triumphs. Opera houses in all parts of the German empire invited her to sing in "Guest" performances, and in turn some her engagement for the Bayreuth Festspiele, the reports of which occupied considerable space in the musical columns of the great dailies the world over. With these triumphs came her first engagement at the Covent Garden, London, and then an unusual engagement with the Metropolitan Opera House company in New York, which lasted for over eight seasons, and again this winter, for which she is engaged to sing twenty-five special performances in addition to her regular concert tour.

The return of Mme. Schumann-Heink to the concert and operatic stage last winter, when she toured through Germany and France, was a triumph unequalled in the musical history of these countries. Of such dimensions was this success that offers from all parts of the Old World were made her to remain in Europe, but the unequaled concert tour which had been arranged for her by her manager, Henry Wolfsohn, and the fact that her home is now in America, where her splendid family of eight children are now being educated, were of more weight than the large guarantee of the European managers, with the result that the name of Schumann-Heink is preeminent among the concert attractions of the season.

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FOLLOW THOU ME.

The end of another church year has come, and how has it been with us to look back upon? Have our footsteps followed our Master, near or afar off? Has the thorny hedge of self-indulgence, pride and love of pleasure grown so high that we for a time have missed our way? Or was it so rough and not pleasing to our love of ease? But was not the way laid out by Jesus, who trod it first and left His footprints to guide us if we would follow?

Have we again, like Mary Magdalen, sought Him in sorrow, and met Him with joy upon the way, rejoicing because we recognized His voice, when He called us as our Good Shepherd, for "when He putteth forth His own sheep He goeth before them and they follow for they know His voice."

But how apt we are to slip by the wayside, and in falling we recognize our own weakness. And then the strong arm is held out again to support and draw us close, so that we may follow again in the footprints, trusting in the strong embrace, and recognizing our own weakness.

May we all again begin our new year, guided by the Star of Bethlehem, to find Him, to worship and adore, laying our treasures at the feet of Him who lay in the manger. And follow from the manger to the Cross. As a child going to worship at Jesusalem, a lesson for our young; and in the Temple forgetting for a time all earthly ties, so earnest was He to do His Father's business. Then His after subjection to Joseph and Mary. Until the Voice proclaimed: "This is My Beloved Son." Follow on to the wilderness; what must have been all those lone days, what must they have meant? What the suffering to Him so recently from His lowly home, and the loving care of His mother? But His Heavenly Father sent angels to minister unto Him, and when we feel we have wandered from the spiritual nearness that we once enjoyed, into the wilderness of want, hungering for the bread of life, our ever loving Father will send us comfort, and will shield us under the shadow of His Wings. And how can we who have had so much love bestowed upon us forget for one moment to follow Jesus to the end, doing by His guidance the things pleasing to our Heavenly Father, go with His into homes of sorrow to comfort; reach out a helping hand to the fallen, for we know not how they were tempted. But above there is One who looks down with pity. Twine our arms around the little ones, concerning whom He said, "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven!" Make our homes like the home of Mary and Martha, whom Jesus loved, and where He loved to be, and step by step go on to Calvary, bearing our cross, no matter how heavy, until we fall before the Crucified, pleading, "Lord, remember Me," and assured by the look of compassion from our suffering Lord, that we shall meet Him in the garden on the glorious Easter morning, and if we still follow, He will lead us to the place prepared for us, where we shall see Him face to face.

"Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His sweet Voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

JOINS REAL ESTATE FIRM.

Arthur Lineham Resigns From the B. C. Electric Railway Co.

At the beginning of the New Year, Arthur Lineham will sever his connection with the B. C. Electric Railway company, having tendered his resignation to take effect on that date. Mr. Lineham has been with the company for the last fifteen years, having joined the staff as a conductor. He received deserved promotion to the position of manager of the light and power department of the company and superintendent of the business department of the Victoria Gas Co.

The office staff waited on him yesterday and presented him with a handsome case of pipes. The presentation was made by A. T. Goward, local manager, and the address was signed by the heads of the different departments and all the office staff. The address was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Lineham—During the many years that you have been connected with this company, you have gained the respect and esteem of all your colleagues many of whom have been associated with you for a long period. On behalf of the office staff we ask you to accept the accompanying gifts as a small token of the regard in which we hold you, and at the same time we wish you every success in the new undertaking on which you are entering at the New Year."

Mr. Lineham was agreeably surprised. During the time he has been connected with the company Mr. Lineham has shown business ability of high order and has done much to build up the business of the B. C. Electric company in this city. In resigning his position he does so with the intention of entering into the real estate business with Ronald Grant of the firm of Grant & Conyers.

At the commencement of the year the firm name of this company will be changed, Mr. Conyers retiring, and Mr. Lineham entering the firm, the style and title of the concern being Grant & Lineham.

REV. S. MacGREGOR DEAD.

Former Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Passes Away.

Word reached the city yesterday of the death at 15 Golden Acre Terrace, Edinburgh, Scotland, on Dec. 4th of Rev. S. MacGregor, formerly pastor of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in this city. The immediate cause of death was angina pectoris.

The late reverend gentleman was pastor of the above-mentioned church here from 1870 to 1880, succeeding Rev. Mr. Somerville. In 1875 he made a special visit to the Old Country and induced the colonial committee of the Church of Scotland to send four other ministers to this province. These were Rev. George Murray, of Nicola, Rev. Thos. Dunn, of Wharnock, Rev. J. Nicholson, and Rev. John Clyde. Immediately on arrival they formed the Presbytery which some years later was absorbed by the Canadian church.

At the recent celebration in St. Andrew's church, in honor of the announcement that the edifice was entirely free of was read by the present pastor, Rev. Robt. a very kindly letter from deceased W. Leslie Clay.

CHILDREN'S WARD IS FORMALLY OPENED

Pleasing Ceremony at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on Sunday Afternoon

On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the new children's ward at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, was opened with all due ceremony. The new building was declared to be open by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin, who was assisted by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, and Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

In his opening address, Rev. Bishop Perrin spoke highly of the altruism of those who had been willing not only to give their money, but also to work and to work hard, that the new much needed addition might be made to the hospital. The greatest credit was due to them, said the bishop, but at the same time he could not shut his eyes to the fact that it had taken a very long time to collect the $8,000 necessary for the work. This sum, said the bishop was comparatively small. Victoria had the name of being one of the richest cities in this province, and times were now good. It was not to the credit of the city that those who planned the new ward should have had so much trouble in gathering the necessary money. The bishop pointed out that the needs of the hospital were by no means satisfied by the new ward. A nurses' home was now wanted, and the hospital could not much longer go on with its present accomodation for women patients. With the present wave of prosperity that is sweeping over the city and the country at large, the bishop stated that he hoped there would be no such difficulty in gathering money for these objects as there had been in getting the funds for children's ward.

The need for the new ward was demonstrated by the presence of a number of the patients who will hereafter occupy it. Many children were present, some in chairs and some on crutches, making a picture that was extremely pathetic, and would have been sad, had it not been for the bright and happy appearance of the young invalids.

The new ward has been previously described, and it is sufficient to say that it is modern and up-to-date in every way. Standing on the rising ground to the east of the main hospital building, it commands a splendid view, and the interior details are so arranged, as to take the best advantage of all facilities for light, sunshine and warmth. When fully equipped the ward will contain twelve beds. The building itself is quite independent of the other buildings of the hospital, containing its own kitchen dispensaries, and other necessary apartments. The heating apparatus is not yet installed, the present arrangement being a temporary one. It is probable that the money set apart by the Women's Auxiliary of the hospital for a sun room will be used for this purpose.

Special services, in honor of the occasion were also conducted in the chapel of the hospital. After the usual service the Victoria Philharmonic orchestra rendered the following programme: Marche Militaire, Schubert, selection from Faust's Martha; Macbeth's Serenade, Gounod's Berceuse, Kaiser's Sunbeams and Shadows, and Kremer's Marche Solenelle.

This afternoon the celebrations in honor of the opening will be continued by a special service and concert. A feature of the occasion will be the singing of Handel's "He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd," by Mrs. R. H. Pooley, while the Misses Lugrin will render Abt's "God is Love."

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No Paper Tomorrow.—Today in common with all Christendom, the staff of the Colonist will rest from its labors, and there will therefore be no issue of the paper tomorrow morning.

All Got Turkeys.—Erick Ulin, manager of the Taylor Mill Co., Ltd., yesterday presented each of the employees of the big lumbering concern with a fine turkey.

Dredge Is Coming.—It is officially announced that the dredge King Edward will be brought down from the Fraser river early in the New Year for the purpose of filling in the James Bay flats at the rear of the C. P. R. Empress hotel. It is thought that the work will be completed as far as the pumping operations are concerned in about two weeks' time. The area to be filled in approximates 50,000 yards. In addition to the work done by the dredge, the city will have to supply 5,000 yards of filling before the ornamentation to the grounds can be proceeded with.

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Joins the Times.—D. Neil McIntyre, formerly of the staff of the Montreal Star, has joined the Times, as news editor, succeeding Oscar Lucas, who is retiring from journalism, after many years' service in this city, to engage in business on his own account. Mr. McIntyre is spoken of very highly by the members of the profession who watched his work in Eastern Canada, and it is believed he will prove a decided acquisition to the ranks of the Fourth Estate in this province, wherein he is assured of the heartiest of welcomes. Before leaving Montreal he was presented with a handsome watch by the members of the staff of the Star. Mr. Lucas, formerly a valued member of the reportorial staff of the Colonist, retires from newspaper work with the best wishes of all who know him for success in his new venture.

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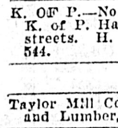

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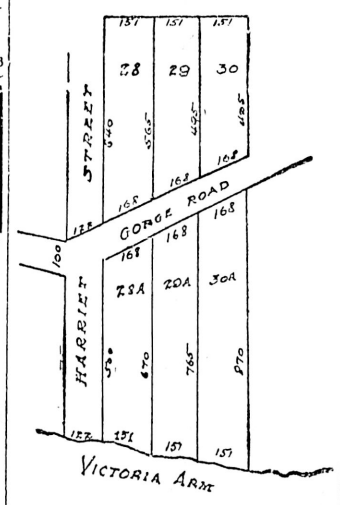

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CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"He went to rescue one whom he promised not to abandon. My fear of intrigue led him to bring the lady here ere it was too late."

"To bring a woman—here!"

"Why not? If one woman, why not another?"

"Come!" she urged. "We are at cross purposes, but I have no information as to Sainton-sahib. I had hoped he was with you, for he is worth a thousand. Silence now!"

His feet crunched the gravel of the path, yet he disdained to walk stealthily. Nur Mahal's tiny slippers made no noise. She moved by his side with swift grace, and when he would have made a detour, led him to the main entrance, paying no heed to those of the house servants stationed at the door, though they stared as if she were a ghost. It may be that some among them were aware of her identity, but in any case the apparition of such a woman, unveiled, in the company of a foreigner, was sufficiently remarkable in India to create unbounded astonishment.

She swept on through the building, casting aside the cumbersome sari as if its purpose of concealment were at an end. The few lamps which lit the inner rooms were scattered and dim, but Mowbray could see that his first impression as to the magnificence of her garments was not a mistaken one. She had yielded so far to convention, being a widow, as to wear a purple dress, but the bodice of white silk was fringed with silver, an exquisite shawl draped her shoulders in diaphanous folds, diamonds gleamed in her hair, and her rapid movements showed that her silk stockings were shot with silver. A strange garb, truly, for one who, according to Jai Singh, lived on a pittance of one rupee a day, and even more noteworthy when the manner and hour of her visit to Dulkusha were taken into account.

When she entered the Peacock Room she found Fra Pietro kneeling, with his face sunk in his hands, near to the charpoy, or roughly contrived bedstead, which, like all Europeans, he preferred to the cushion of the East. Walter had quitted the room by another door, so the worthy Franciscan's spellbound look, when he raised his eyes to learn who it was who came from the interior of the house and saw the radiant figure of Nur Mahal, would surely, under other circumstances, have brought a laugh to Walter's lips.

The friar, wishing to rtad some portion of the daily "office," had obtained four lamps and trimmed them with some care. Comparatively speaking, there was a flood of light at his end of the spacious chamber, and the obscurity reigning in the further part only added to the bewildering effect of the sylph-like being who, after advancing a little way, stood and gazed at him irresolutely.

But Mowbray's firm tread broke the spell against which Fra Peitro was already fortifying himself by fervent ejaculations. A prophet surprised by the fulfilment of his own prophecy, he rose to his feet, and bowed with the ready politeness of his race.

"Princess," he said, speaking Urdu, with slow precision, "I greet you! None but you can resolve our perplexities. You are, indeed, well come!"

The aspect of the friar, with the shaven crown, untrimmed beard, coarse brown robe and hood, white cords and rough sandals of St. Francis d'Assisi, was no less astounding to Nur Mahal than was her regal semblance to him. In her eyes he was on a parity with the fakirs, the mullahs, the religious mendicants of her adopted country. The few Europeans she had seen were soldiers, merchants, or dignified ecclesiastics of the Jesuit order, but here was one whose poverty-stricken appearance might well have prejudiced her against him. Like the Apostle whose name he bore, Fra Pietro had said: "Lo, we have left all, and followed Thee." Of such renunciatory gospel Nur Mahal had no cognizance.

Nevertheless, such was the depth of this girl-widow's sagacity, that she caught instantly from the Franciscan's benign features some glimpse of his exalted character. She half turned to Walter with her enchanting smile:—

"I had forgotten the presence of your whom I have heard, and for whose sake you dared do more than for mine."

"I owed my life, and more, for he saved me from unimagined horrors. Nor is the debt yet paid in full," was the reply.

"Can I speak openly before him?"

"You may trust Fra Pietro, Princess, as you would trust none other."

"Yet I have trusted many tonight. Now list to me carefully, for time passes. Jahangir dies ere daybreak, and there is much to be done by a man who shall risk all."

"The Emperor dies! Do you mean that he is to be murdered?"

"Call it what you will, his death is ordained. Nay, frown not so ominously. 'Tis not of my planning. Those who wish his downfall are not seeking to avenge my wrongs. If they succeed, and I see no reason why they should fail, they aim at placing Khusrow on the throne. And who is Khusrow? A boy of ten! I, a woman, am a mere puppet in their hands. That is why I am here. You see one who is in the counsels of both parties yet bound to neither."

Shethrew back her head, and the circlet of brilliants across her smooth white brow did not send forth brighter gleams than her eyes. Speaking so freely of treason and dynastic plots, she smiled as though the whole affair were some hoax of which she alone knew the petty secret.

"You have met Raja Man Singh and his ally, the Maharaja of Bikanir?" she continued, coolly, before Walter could decide what shape the tumultuous questions trembling on his lips should take.

"Yes," he answered, "and they are well aware with what loathing I regard their schemes."

"It is always possible to change one's mind," she said slowly. "I cannot, in a few minutes, give you the history of months; the record of the past few hours must suffice. Since it was known that you and the Hathi-sahib were returning to Agra there has been naught but plot and counter-plot. First, those who conspire against the Emperor look to you to help them, and are even now awaiting you in the baraduri at the bottom of the garden. Secondly, Jahangir, well aware of their intent, has resolved to ensnare them and you in one cast of the net. Hence, the followers of Raja Man Singh and those others who will strike for Khusrow are gathering silently, some within a stone's throw of the outer walls of the palace, ready to follow their leader in the attack on the fort, where the guard of the Delhi Gate will admit them, the remainder among the trees without. But the forces of the Emperor, ten times more numerous, will fall on them at midnight whereas the revolt is timed for the first hour. Already the traitors inside the fort have have been secured. A few live to delude their friends—most are dead. All this, you may say, concerns you not. You are wrong, Mowbray-sahib. You are a greater man than you think. The conspirators count surely on your assistance and that of Sainton-sahib, whose repute with the common people is worth a whole army. Therefore, lest aught miscarried, they came to me and urged me to induce you to head the outbreak. Though I am a weak woman, I might not have consented had not the Emperor joined his supplications to theirs."

"The Emperor!" cried Walter, with involuntary loudness.

"Hush! The baraduri is not far distant. Yes, Jahangir still favors me with his jealousy. He does not know that—that—you are longing for the sight of some other woman beyond the black seas. Do not misunderstand me. Jahangir hates me and fears you. Kept well informed by his spies of all that was going on, he connived at the scheme which brought you and me to the forefront of the rebellion. Thus, when he stamps it out in blood, we shall be the chief victims. But that is not all. Raja Man Singh and his friends are in no mind to kill Jahangir and clear the way for a foreign intruder. They, too, see how we may serve their ends. Once the Emperor is dead it will be a fitting excuse to get rid of us on the ground that we conspired against him."

"'Tis a pretty plot," said Mowbray, grimly. "Hath it any further twists?"

"Yes, one. Raja Man Singh, Khusrow and the rest, are doomed. Few of them shall see the sun again. The man who contrived their fate is far more skilled in intrigue than they. Behind Jahangir and his fued with me stands the black robe."

"Dom Geronimo! I thought him dead."

"He may be, but he lived today," was Nur Mahal's careless answer. "Living or dead, his hour has passed. Others, too, can think and plan. Not plotters now, but swords are needed. I would that Sainton-sahib were here. Why did you let him go?"

"He is hard to restrain when set on anything. But you would not have him and me, with twenty troopers, fight for our own hand 'gainst all India!"

She came nearer to the listening men. In her eagerness she grasped each by an arm and whispered:—

"Jai Singh is within call with two hundred. A few determined men tonight are worth thousands tomorrow. Three hoots of an owl from the wall behind the leaders of the revolt gathered in the summer-house, whence they will soon send a messenger to summon you to council. They know I am here and await my pleasure. Above them—" and now her voice dropped so low that the words only just reached their ears—"you have Jahangir himself and his principal minion, Ibrahim, the Chief Eunuch!"

Her eyes blazed with the intensity of her emotion. Great though her power of selfcontrol, she quivered slightly, and the action, trivial in itself, told that this woman was the nerve-centre of an empire. She waited no comment. The moment long looked for had come at last. India, with all its potentialities, was within her grasp.

"Doubt not, but act!" she murmured, passionately, seeing the incredultiy in the men's faces. "In the roof of the baraduri there is a secret chamber, contrived there, for their own purposes, by Akbar and my father. From it, in fancied security, Jahangir and Ibrahim can see and hear all that passes beneath. I took care they should know of it. 'Twas too good a bait to pass, and they swallowed it. What joy can equal the Emperor's when he hears his enemies plotting with you and me to place us on the throne, knowing full well that ere many minutes have passed we shall be slain, or, far better, captured, so that he may glut his vengeance on us? Come with me! Let a Rajput give the signal to Jai Singh. Without any fear of failure, almost without a blow, you will have both Jahangir and Khusrow's adherents in your power to do with as you will."

They could not choose but believe her. Here was a counter-stroke, worthy indeed of the daughter of one who entered India a pauper and died Prime Minister. Walter's head swam, and Fra Pietro shook as if with a palsy.

"There is no other course open," she murmured, vehemently. "It is your death and mine, or Jahangir's. Decide quickly! Do you flinch from the ordeal?"

"No," said Mowbray, recovering himself. "If such be the alternatives, may God prosper those who are in the right!"

Nur Mahal released them. Walter would have sent for Devi Pershad, and in a few fateful seconds the irrevocable step must be taken which should plunge India into an era of turmoil and bloodshed. But a tumult of alarm among the household servants, and the clatter of hurried footsteps in the interior of the house, betokened some new and unforeseen commotion. Then the door by which Nur Mahal and Mowbray had entered the room was flung open and Roger appeared, carrying in his left arm the apparently lifeless body of the Countess di Cabota. His long sword was dripping blood, and his clothes were rent by cuts and lance thrusts, but his genial face, never downcast when a fight was toward, broke into a broad grin when he saw Walter.

"By the cross of Osmotherly!" he roared," I have had the devil's own job to reach thee, lad. I have fought every inch of a good mile, and been ambushed times out of number. Poor Matilda fainted at the last onset. I had to hug her with one arm and slay with the other. Gad! it was warm work. She is no light weight!"

He deposited his inanimate burthen on a charpoy and cleared his vision of blood and perspiration, for he had been wounded slightly on the forehead. Then he set eyes on Nur Mahal.

"Oh, ho, my lady, art thou here?" he said. "Small wonder there were such goings on without! By gad, thou art the herald of storm on land as the petrel is at sea. Walter, my lad, give us a grip of thy hand! I'm main glad to meet thee again. But Matilda needs tending. Bid this glittering fairy see to her. Whether Portuguese or Hindee, I suppose women are much alike in such matters!"

CHAPTER XVIII.

"Gregory, remember thy swashing blow."
—Romeo and Juliet, Act I, Sc.

But there were matters of graver import afoot than the Countess's fainting fit. Already the conspirators in the summer-house, alarmed by the commotion, must be devising means to protect themselves, ensconced in a hiding-place after the fashion invented by Dionysius of Syracuse, was probably doubting the wisdom of his Haroun-al-Raschid escapade. For Roger, bursting through the hostile cordons like an infuriated bluebottle fly caught in the outer strands of a spider's web, had applied a premature spark to a gunpowder train. The silence of the night was jarred into fierce uproar. The imperial troops, thinking the revolt had broken out before its appointed hour, were hurriedly closing in around the rebels. The latter, strenuously opposing Sainton's passage up the hill leading to the Garden of Heart's Delight, communicated a panic for action which is the next worst thing to a flight, to those of their comrades who knew not what was happening. In a word, the left bank of the Jumna was ablaze, and sharp encounters occurred wherever the Emperor's men met those who fought for his would-be supplanter, Khusrow. At the gate Devi Pershad and the Rajputs, manfully aided by the house servants, were even then resisting the efforts of the rebels previously hidden in the woods to break open the door and go to the aid of their leaders within. Indeed, Roger had barely ceased speaking, before a sowar, one of his own small escort, ran in and breathlessly announced the desperate nature of the attack on the gateway.

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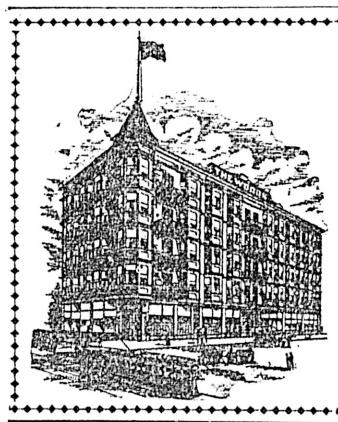

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SYNOPSIS.

The barometer is abnormally high over Northern British Columbia and fair weather is general throughout the Pacific slope, with light to moderate winds along the coast. The weather is also fair eastward to Manitoba and comparatively mild.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	36	43
Vancouver	35	43
New Westminster	36	42
Kamloops	26	30
Barkerville	16	26
Port Simpson	30	34
Atlin	— 6	zero
Dawson	— 4	4
Calgary	18	30
Winnipeg	14	24
Portland	40	..

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Tuesday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, mostly northerly, generally fair and cold at night.

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IMPRESSIVE MUSIC IN CITY CHURCHES

Services on Sunday Were of Notable Character—Arrangements for Today

Music of an especially interesting character was rendered in the various city churches on Sunday. Stephen Adams received the recognition due to him, both as musician and poet, his beautiful hymn, "The Star of Bethlehem," being sung in at least two of the city churches. As usual, "The Messiah" was a favorite, and was largely drawn upon for selections. Another selection that was heard in churches of almost every denomination was the Venite Adoramus, or, as translated, "O Come, Let Us Adore Him," of which it is reputed that the words were sung to the music as it now exists by the Christians of the days of Nero and Domitian, in the catacombs of Rome.

At the Metropolitan Methodist Church the musical service was of a particularly beautiful and impressive nature. Two of the finest singers in this city, Miss Charlotte Spencer and Mrs. G. J. Burnett, were heard, the one at the morning and the other at the evening service; while the music was chosen with the very best of taste. At the morning service Mrs. G. J. Burnett rendered Hamilton Grey's lovely hymn, "The Heavenly Song," while the anthem, Tours' "Sing O Heavens," as delivered by the choir was calculated to instil into even the most phlegmatic something of the joyous spirit of the season. In the evening Miss Charlotte Spencer was heard in the course of the service. Those who were present experienced a treat such as will probably not be offered to the citizens of Victoria again for a long time to come. Miss Spencer's powerful contralto voice was in splendid form. The clear, full notes reached to every part of the church, and by the deep stillness that reigned while Miss Spencer was singing it was possible to guage the way in which the hearts of those who heard her were stirred. It almost seemed as if the whole congregation were with one accord holding their breath for fear of missing a single one of the divine notes. The selection chosen was "The Angel's Flight," by Combe.

Mr. Gideon Hicks' splendid bass voice, so well known to all Victorians was heard to advantage in Stephen Adams' "Star of Bethlehem." A notable feature of the evening service were the two anthems, Gounod's Cantata Domino and Vincent's "There Were Shepherds." The two anthems were extremely well rendered.

At St. Johns, the musical feature of the evening was the rendition of the cantata "The Story of the Nativity." A. J. Petch, who took the tenor recitation and solos was suffering from a slight cold but sang with admirable taste and much dramatic force. He is a young man who promises to accomplish much in a musical way. The soprano solo in the cantata was by Miss Lugrin, her clear and distinct enunciation and rich tones being heard to great advantage. Miss Winifred Lugrin rendered "The Angel's Song," composed by G. Jennings Burnett and introduced in the course of the cantata. It is a very beautiful song and was rendered by Miss Lugrin with much feeling and power, her dramatic soprano being admirably suited to it. Mr. Burnett's organ playing greatly contributed to a great musical success. This cantata will be repeated on next Sunday evening.

At the Centennial Methodist church the special Christmas music as rendered by the choir, was a splendid success. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Thompson, preached on "The Wonderful Name," in the morning, and at the evening service on "The Supremacy of God."

At the First Presbyterian church the evening service was entirely a musical one. Even the sermon partook of that nature, the rest of the service being devoted to the "Music and Hymnology of the Church." The subject as handled by the Rev. Dr. Campbell proved most interesting. The work of the choir was beyond reproach.

At the First Congregational church, Rev. Hermon Carson spoke eloquently at the morning service on the subject of "Peace," taking as his subject, "Christ the Prince of Peace." The sermon was an appeal for the hastening of the time when throughout the world there shall be no war, but universally, peace and "Good Will on Earth." In the evening the pastor took as his subject the "Message of Christ of Bethlehem."

The special music at the Calvary Baptist church was some of the best heard in the city, and held the large congregation entranced. Rev. F. T. Tapscott spoke in the morning on the alleged nonfullment of the Messianic prophecies, and in the evening concerning "The purpose of the Divine Incarnation."

Service arrangements for today are as follows:

St. James

Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Today, Christmas, there will be holy communion at 8, matins and sermon at 11, holy communion at 12.

The following will be the music:

Hymn 61
Special Venite and Psalms....Cath. Psalter
Te Deum ..... J. Smart
Benedictus ..... Barnby
Anthem—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" ....

Soloist, Mrs. Cartwright.

Hymns 60, 59
Kyrie ..... Sullivan
Com. Hymn 323
Nunc Dimittis ..... Felton

Christ Church Cathedral

Holy communion, 7 a. m. and 8 a. m.; morning service and holy communion (choral), 11 a. m. The preacher for the day will be the bishop of the diocese. The music set for the morning service follows:

Voluntary—"Christmas Pastorale". .... Detrier
Processional Hymn ..... No. 60
Venite .....As set
Proper Psalms ..... As set
Te Deum ..... Jackson in F
Benedictus ..... Elvey (M.S.)
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds" ..... Herbert W. Wareing

Tenor solo—A. T. Goward.

Kyrie ..... Dr. Gower (M.S.)
Gloria ..... Russell
Hymn ..... No. 59
Offertory Hymn ..... No. 61
Communion Hymn ..... No. 322
Communion Interludes .....
.....Marzi and Mercadante
Gloria in Excelsis .. Old Chant (M.S.)
Amen—"Sevenfold" ....Sir J. Stainer
Recessional—"Nunc Dimittis" ....
.....r..... S. John (M.S.)

St. Barnabas

Christmas Day services will be a celebration of the holy eucharist at 8 and 9 a. m., matins at 10:30 a. m., choral eucharist and sermon at 11 a. m. The musical arrangements are:

Organ—"Christmas Chimes".Christobel
Processional Hymn 60
Communion Service .....Adlam in F
Anthem—"Beloved, I Bring You Good Tidings" ..Rev. E. W. Hall
Hymns ..... 59 and 62
Offertory Anthem ..... Fitzgerald
Nunc Dimittis ..... St. John
Organ—"For Unto Us a Child Is Born" ..... Handel

Church of Our Lord

There will be divine service at 11 a. m., with sermon by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at close of service. The musical programme:

Organ—Pastoral Symphony .. Handel
Opening Hymn 84
Psalms ..... As set for Christmas Day
Te Deum ..... Dyke
Benedictus ..... Dyke
Anthem—Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings ..... Churchill
Kyrie ..... Button
Hymn 83
Introit—Once in Bethlehem of Judah .... Maunder

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The storekeepers, the butcher, with his rows of turkeys and geese dangling from the hooked frames, with gaily-dressed beeves and muttons, sucking pigs, ets.; booksellers, with his tempting new editions; toyseller, with the wondrous inventions to make little eyes glisten—each and every dealer from the Greek candy-seller to the many departments of Spencer's Arcade, with the hundreds of customers surging, buying verious wares—all were busier than any other season has ever known.

Everywhere the same tale was to be told; Victorians had found themselves, felt their future was assured and were eager to make merry.

With holly, evergreen, and the flowers that grow here when snow breaks down the outdoor flora of less-favored climes, householders decorated their rooms; and the Christmas trees were dressed while the little ones who had watched in vain for the legendary bringer of presents, were asleep. Childhood's faith is grand. Some years ago a little girl of thirteen years wrote to the late Charles A. Dana, the editor of the New York Sun, and asked him the question the growing child has so often asked: "Is there a Santa Claus?" To the little one the editor replied that there was, and always would be. Although she might wait and watch and never see him, that did not show that he did not exist. Because she could not see fairies gambolling on the green did not show there were no fairies there. As long as life and love lasted, he said, there would be a Santa Claus—and so there is. This morning many, many little ones will find evidence of his coming while they slept.

At Esquimalt the bluejackets of H. M. S. Egeria and Shearwater made ready last night for Christmas. On masts and yards evergreens were fastened, and the ships, one at the naval dock, the other at the coal wharf, were decorated. Today, as the sailor puts it, will be given over to "Callao," which means that the ship's company may practically do as it pleases, minus the restraints of other days. This morning the cooks will be excused, and, while all others are at divine service, the plum duff will be made ready with every care, with designs for the various messes, and extra care will be taken at every table. When all is ready, the commanding officers will make the rounds, tasting the menu that is provided, and complimenting the various messes, wishing one and all the compliments of the season. After dinner, served at noon, the officer of the watch will go to the wardroom. The sentry of the gangway will be a nonentity for the time, and there will be what "Jack" knows as a "free gangway," where all may come and go as they please. There will be singing, cheering, and entertainment galore; for Jack celebrates Christmas in his own way, as he has done for years, and will continue to do every year.

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